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RED HATTERS TAKE TEA



Photos by Dan Sanderson
Michael Lee of Opus Mime performed at the Red Hatters and Mad Hatters Tea Party held at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library last Thursday. The library system is holding special programs in January as part of National Hot Tea Month. Left, Lee tries on a red hat as he poses with Gayle Phillips and Sandy Myers, who are members of the Red Hat group Frederic Rubies.

Design contract for new animal shelter approved

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Animal Shelter of Crawford County officials were given the greenlight last week to have an architect put pen to paper to design plans for a new shelter building.

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners authorized the shelter board to pick one of three selected finalists to complete the design plans and renderings for the new shelter.

Bradley H. Butcher and Associates of Gaylord, McHugh Architect Engineering Corp. of Gaylord and Thomas O' Brien Architect Inc. were the potential firms shelter officials will contact to design the new shelter. Nine firms submitted bids for the project.

The county is applying for a \$300,000 U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) grant and loan in order to build a new shelter facility.

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County, Inc., a non-profit agency, has operated the shelter since 1991 when the county decided it could no longer run the shelter due to budget concerns.

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Jury finds man guilty of animal cruelty

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A Flint area man was found guilty for an animal cruelty charge following a daylong jury trial in Crawford County District Court on Friday.

The jury of three men and three women delivered the guilty verdict for Robert Choate, 59, of Burton after about 90 minutes of deliberations.

Choate faces up to 93 days in jail, a \$1,000 fine and 200 hours of community service when he is sentenced by 46th Circuit District Court Judge John G. Hunter, at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 31, for animal cruelty-abandonment.

Choate was accused of violating a state law passed in 1931 which requires people who own animals or livestock to provide food, water, shelter and reasonably sanitary conditions for the animals.

The Choates had been keeping chickens, rabbits, turkeys and ducks on their property located off of Old 27 in Beaver Creek Township.

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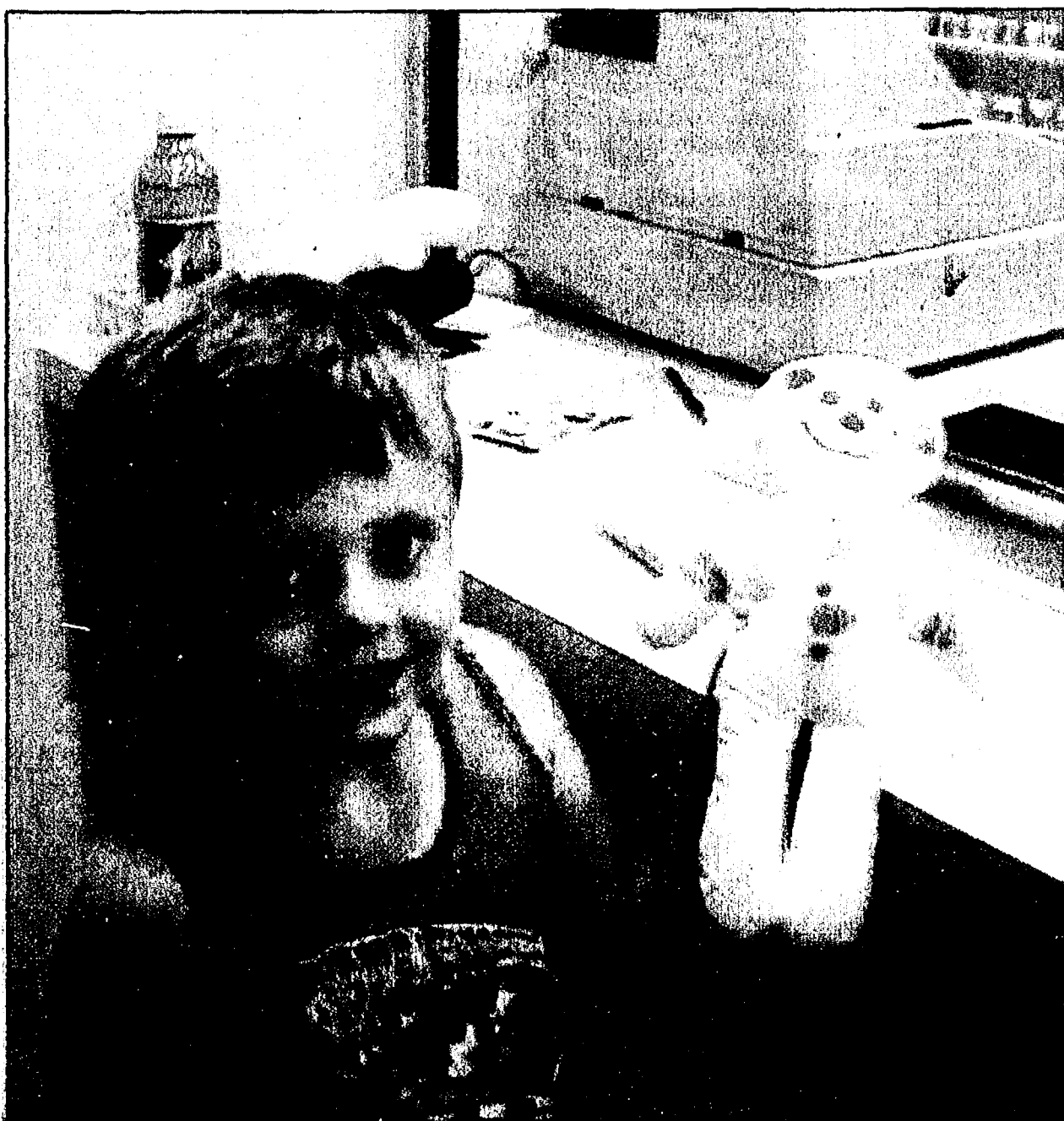
Kiwanis donates dolls to children in the emergency room

Mercy Hospital, Grayling, will provide young patients with a doll that will help make young patients more comfortable while being treated.

As an ongoing project of the Kiwanis Club of Grayling, the dolls are being made by members of the club and given to Mercy Hospital to use for their young patients who may be very uncomfortable and scared in a hospital setting. They have been a big hit with the young patients.

Given a permanent fabric marker they are allowed to draw features or clothing that would give them some reassurance as they are about to be treated. In the emergency room, the staff draws on the doll, the part of the body that was affected or needed to be treated.

Another favorite of child patients are the coloring books and crayons that the Kiwanis Club has been furnishing to the hospital for many, many years. The books are a project of the Kiwanis Foundation of Michigan which helps to sponsor education and recreation in four hospitals in Michigan that have many pediatric patients, Mary Free Bed, Northern Michigan, C.S. Mott, and Children's Hospital in Detroit.



This young patient, Lucas Liebrock of Hemlock, is shown at Mercy Hospital, Grayling, with a doll, provided by the Kiwanis Club of Grayling, that was given to him in the emergency room to help make him comfortable in a hospital setting.

Support sought to save parade

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Grayling Promotional Association (GPA) is asking for Grayling residents and civic organizations to lineup and help organize the AuSable Canoe Marathon Festival parade.

An informational meeting regarding the parade will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 21 at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library.

GPA members have organized the AuSable Canoe Marathon for years.

GPA in recent years obtained status as a 501-C3 non-profit organization. Members of the organization have learned that they can sponsor a band, award or float in the parade, but providing full financial support for the event put the non-profit status in jeopardy.

Grayling City Police Chief Karl Schreiner, representatives from the Crawford AuSable School district and members from GPA plan to attend the meeting and encourage Grayling community groups and citizens to attend.

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Leaves Grayling 11:00 a.m.
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Leaves Grayling 2:15 p.m.
Leaves Grayling 4:30 p.m.

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Leaves Grayling 5:00 p.m.

M-72 WEST

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Tuesday, February 14, 2006

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Trip #2

Thursday, February 9, 2006

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for Gaylord

Lunch at BJ's Restaurant and Shopping at Wal-mart

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Trip organized by the Crawford County Commission on Aging

Contact Elouise Mize @ 348-7123 to reserve a seat

*Special event trips require: (1) a minimum of twenty-two passengers; and (2) that passengers less than 18 years of age be accompanied by a responsible adult.

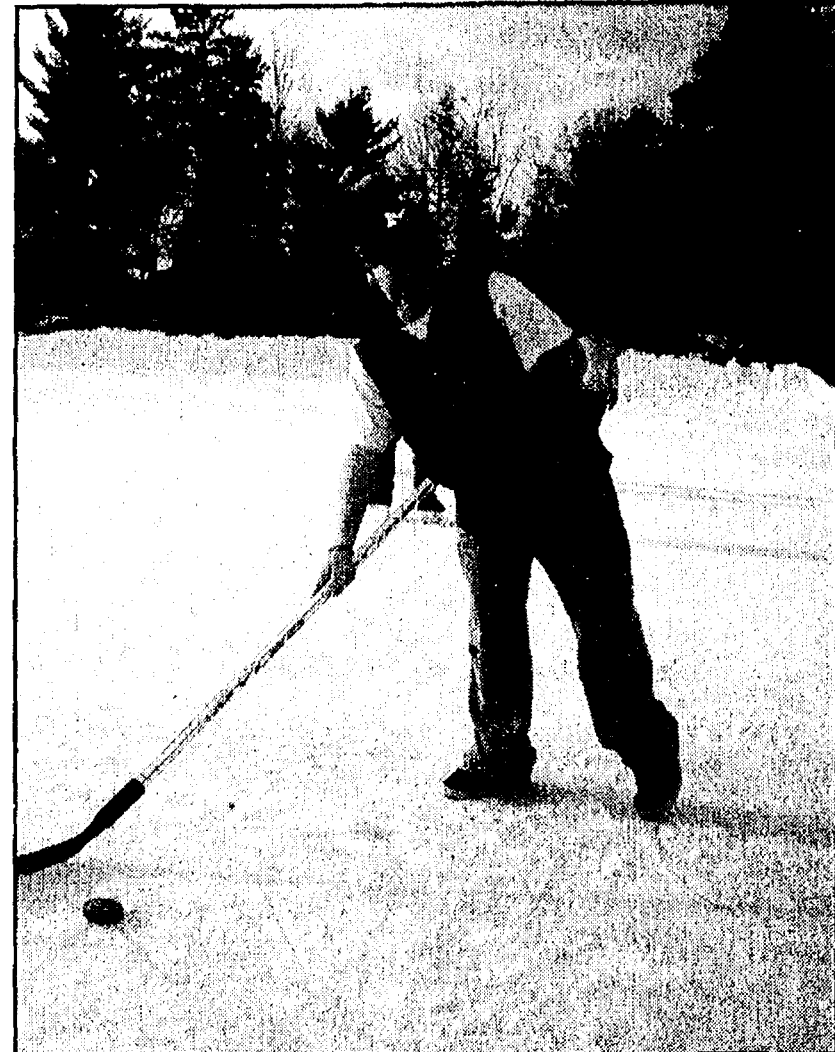
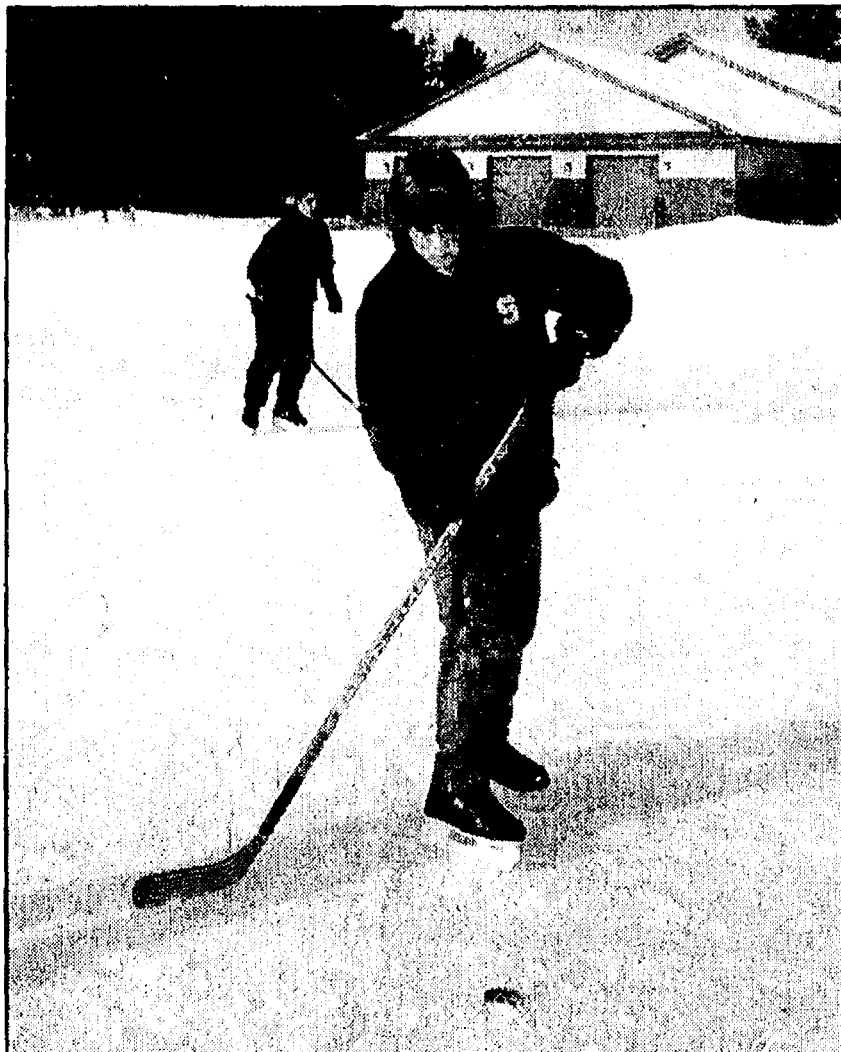
To reserve seats or request information concerning special event trips call Richard or Gary @ 348-4101

COMMUNITY EVENT SERVICES:

Service schedules may be modified to meet increased demand during special community events, such as the Milltown Festival.

To request information concerning expanded services call Richard or Gary @ 348-4101

SUNDAY SKATERS



Photos by Dan Sanderson

John Lennon, 14, and Jared Sinclair, 12, both students at Grayling Middle School, spent Sunday afternoon playing hockey with friends and family on the ice rink behind the Grayling City Hall. The rink is maintained by the City of Grayling Department of Public Works crews, the Grayling City/Township Fire Department and City Council Member Tom Wellman.

Jury finds man guilty of animal cruelty

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Grayling attorney Donald Sommerfeld Jr. said Choate is an over-the-road truck driver. Sommerfeld said Choate and his wife, Anthansia, would feed and water the animals on the weekend before going back on the road.

Deanne Whiteside, who lives nearby the Choates, said she has complained to Beaver Creek Township and county animal control and zoning officials regarding the animals. A citizen is required to have a permanent

residence on their property in order to have animals and the Choates just had a camper trailer on the property.

"I was concerned that no one was doing anything," Whiteside said.

Beaver Creek Township residents Gerald and Vivian Balmes stopped at the Choate's property on May 15, 2003 after going by several times and not seeing anyone there. Gerald Balmes said they noticed a number of dead chickens and rabbits on the property, as well as carcasses of chickens in a burn pile. He said he fed and watered the animals since containers in their pens were empty.

Balmes noted that the weather was unusually hot and dry and he

did not see tire tracks leading into the property.

"No one had been in or out of there for quite awhile," Gerald Balmes said.

Anthansia Choates said the couple got their first chickens from another truck driver, then bought more from the Tractor Supply Company store. She said they would buy hundreds of pounds of food for the animals, and would haul gallons of water from a nearby truck stop.

"I would let my house payment get behind so I could take care of my animals," she said.

Dave Sabin, the assistant county prosecutor, said the Choates had no business trying to be weekend livestock owners.

"He was playing farmer and he

was not doing a good job at it," Sabin said.

Sommerfeld argued that some of the animals had died due to the dry weather, but there was no proof that the Choates did not provide adequate care for the animals.

"We're talking about animals to be eaten and they had no interest in letting them get diseases," Sommerfeld said.

A warrant to arrest Choate for the animal cruelty charge was not issued until Jan. 29, 2004 since it took county law enforcement officials time to process the case. Choate was not arrested until Aug. 10, 2005 because authorities waited until they were observed on the property to serve him with the warrant.

Design contract for shelter approved

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The shelter's lease with the Crawford County Road Commission expires in December, 2006 and the shelter facilities are in need of repair.

The county board has set aside two acres of land at the Crawford County Fairgrounds near Old 27 and M-93 for the new shelter.

Sharon Priebe, president of the Animal Shelter of Crawford County Board, requested the shelter board at least be able to inform an architect to start the initial plans for the facility and to do field studies so the shelter board can educate the public on the project.

A public hearing will be held at the county board's next regular meeting, which will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 15, to allow citizens to give input regarding the project as a

requirement for the federal loan and grant.

"We need to start rolling with this," Priebe said. "We're going to have to have something for this hearing - how many square feet we're looking at roughly, the location, the size and intention."

County Commissioners Scott Hanson and Mike Lange, who are on a committee for the shelter building project, will also have to give their approval before an architect is hired. Lange said he reviewed the bid lists for the work, but requested more time to contact the firms and check references provided by past clients. Bradley Butcher designed the Grayling City Hall and Grayling City/Township Fire Department, while Thomas O'Brien was the architect who worked on the design for the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County

Library.

Commissioners said they felt comfortable having Lange and Hanson give their approval before an architectural contract is offered.

The county board will be submitting the grant to the USDA on behalf of the shelter, and will be liable to repay the funds.

"We know the purpose and intent of this building, but reading the fine print, the building retains back to the county," said Dave Stephenson, chairman of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners.

Priebe told the county board that shelter officials have strived to keep the cost for the new building under \$300,000 since the shelter will have to make loan payments for the facility.

"We needed to keep it where we could pay for it," Priebe said.

Lovells man dies in fatal house fire

A 47-year-old Lovells man was killed in a fire that engulfed his home last week. Crawford County Deputies




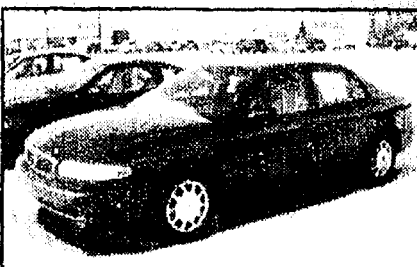






and firefighters were dispatched to a structure fire at 1885 Cherry Creek Road, located in Lovell's Township at 12:02 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 20.

Once the fire was extinguished, firefighters located the body of Donald Robert Olsen. Olsen's dog was located by his feet. The Medical Examiner's Office and the Michigan State Police Fire Marshall's office were called to investigate the death and the cause of the fire. A detective from the Michigan State Police Houghton Lake Post was also called to the scene to assist in the investigation.

The investigation into the fire and death remains open while results from an autopsy are pending.

The Lovell's Township Fire Department, South Branch Township Fire Department, Greenwood Township from Oscoda County handled the fire.

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SIGNAL UPGRADE



Photo by Dan Sanderson
The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is upgrading the pedestrian and traffic signals located at the intersection of Michigan Avenue and the 1-75 Business Loop this week. Crews were expected to continue the work, which may cause intermittent lane closures, by Thursday depending on the weather. Left, Ross Venable, a maintenance mechanic for MDOT, works on a pedestrian signal.

Bids solicited for housing repairs

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

An issue involving a local builder accused of poor workmanship for a job funded through the Crawford County Housing Commission is back in the hands of local officials.

Crawford County Commissioners last week learned that the Bureau of Commercial Services enforcement officials have closed a complaint file that Grayling Township resident Shannon Secord filed against builder Scott Schwartz, the owner of the SMK Beautification. State officials said they were notified that Secord, Schwartz and the housing commission had entered into several settlement agreements, including having building materials supplied by Schwartz to facilitate repairs on the home by Secord's husband, Allan Secord. Grayling Township Building Inspector Bob Dixon, who inspected the home, said there were no code violations for the work and he did not have jurisdiction over workmanship issues.

"He has met the demands of the state, so now this is back in our lap," said Sandy Coe, chairwoman of the Crawford County

Housing Commission Board.

Secord obtained a loan from the Crawford County Housing Commission allowing her to buy and remodel her home located at 118 Woodleaf Drive. The project, which was funded through federal and state low interest loans, involved replacing kitchen cabinets, replacing windows, flooring, siding and remodeling the bathroom.

The home remodeling project has become an issue in recent months after Secord appealed to county commissioners that repeated efforts to address issues with her home were going nowhere.

The county board earlier this month asked Cy Wakeley, the director of the Crawford County Housing Commission, to expedite matters with state licensing officials.

Now, the housing commission has agreed to solicit bids from three builders who will fix siding and lighting problems, problems with window trim and an issue with a sliding glass door.

Secord will be allowed to select the contractor who will complete the work after the bids are received by the housing commission.

"We don't want to put a limit on when the bids are due and not allow her to secure those bids," Wakeley said.

Secord said she was not pleased that state officials were not taking action over the issue.

"If there were no workmanship issues, why is another building being hired to come back and make the repairs?" she asked.

County commissioners last week inquired about the housing commission policies so that Wakeley, who disburses funds to the contractors, is not serving as an inspector for the work. Housing commission board members said that Wakeley has been serving in both roles due to limited resources.

An additional fee, beyond a building permit fee, would be required to bring in the outside inspector.

"Permit prices our really irrelevant, because if it requires a permit, they're going to have to have a permit," Wakeley said. "What we're talking about would be an additional inspection fee that may be thirty or forty dollars."

County Commissioner Mike Lange applauded the housing board for following up on the issues since there have been heat-

ed exchanges between officials in recent meetings.

The county board last week accepted the resignation of Laurie Jamison from the housing commission board.

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Man on Most Wanted List nabbed in Indiana

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Sheriff Kirk Wakefield credited the team work between the sheriff's department and vigilant Michigan State Police for helping nab a convicted sex offender who is on the Crawford County Sheriff's Department Most Wanted List.

Larry Martin Beaman, 65, is back in the Crawford County Jail after he was apprehended in Indiana last week.

Beaman fled the Grayling area in April, 1996 after failing to report to jail to serve time for cocaine, criminal sexual conduct and fraud charges, all felonies ranging from four to 10 years in prison. A bench warrant was issued for his arrest.

For the past 10 years, Beaman has moved around the United

States in an attempt to evade apprehension.

Indiana law enforcement officials last week contacted Detective. Sgt. Tim Lenhard from the Houghton Lake Post of the Michigan State Police because they had Beaman in custody. Authorities learned that Beaman was wanted in Crawford County after checking the Law Enforcement Information Network.

Wakefield said that the state police have been cracking down on people who have failed to comply with registering as sex offenders.

"They're coming up with a lot of these guys and Beaman just happened to be one of them to our benefit," he said.

A sheriff's deputy and Lenhard traveled to Indiana to

get Beaman last week.

Wakefield created The Top 10 Most Wanted list in hopes that tips from the public will help catch crooks on the run.

Corrections Officer Michael Kelly poured through files to find the oldest, most severe criminal cases still pending in court.

Wakefield said this is the second wanted person authorities have tracked down since establishing the Most Wanted list. Another name will be put on the Most Wanted list, which is on the sheriff department's website, this week.

"There's always somebody that we're looking for," Wakefield said.

Tennessee man dies when snowmobile strikes tree

A 59-year-old Tennessee man died from injuries sustained in a snowmobile crash near Lovells on Saturday.

Deputies were dispatched to a snowmobile accident which occurred on North Big Creek Road north of County Road 612 in Lovells Township at 8:39 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 21.

Upon arrival it was found that a snowmobile had hit a tree and David Terrell Coffey of Pegram,

Tenn., was deceased.

The investigation revealed that Coffey's snowmobile came off the east side of North Big Creek Road and hit a tree. The investigation into the accident is ongoing.

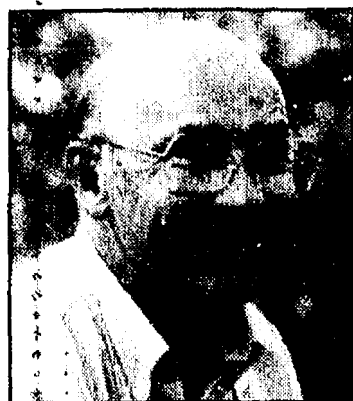
Agencies who assisted sheriff's deputies at the scene included the Lovell's Township Fire Department, Frederic Township EMS, and the Crawford County Medical Examiners Office.

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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard L. Milliman

Bi-partisanship is casualty in election hassle

MICHIGAN MAY be giving up on the noble experiment that representatives of the two major political parties can get along on important matters when the state's interests are at stake.

The idea that boards and commissions with diverse partisan allegiance still can work together toward a common goal has been part of the state's political fabric for some time.

Appointed boards and commissions often reflect both parties, some by law, others by accepted practice — and good political sense on the part of the appointing authority.

By law, some appointed groups — such as the four-member state board of canvassers and the state civil service commission — may not contain a majority from any single party.

The constitution requires election of members of university governing boards and the state

board of education; political parties nominate candidates and voters make their choices, frequently along partisan lines. All these education jobs should be non-partisan by their very nature. The upside is that the resultant split-party boards in most cases get along just fine.

Even our state supreme court has a decided partisan tinge, although the state constitution requires non-partisan elections. It's a self-contradictory system, however, because political parties nominate the candidates who then must magically turn into non-partisans. The switch to non-partisanship often doesn't endure, of course.

AT LEAST ONE bi-partisan state board faces elimination after a severe case of non-effectiveness.

The state board of canvassers is composed of two Democrats

and two Republicans, appointed by the governor usually after nomination by the two state parties.

Board responsibilities are largely ministerial — it counts votes after elections and certifies results, it approves language submitted for ballot proposals, when petitions are submitted it checks the signatures and approves the final language to appear on the ballot. The actual work in all these areas is conducted by the staff of the state elections division, which is a part of the office of secretary of state.

None of this should be partisan, but the last few years, that's not been the case.

Most recently the hang up has been over the ballot proposal to "amend the state constitution to ban affirmative action programs that give preferential treatment to groups or individuals based on their race, gender, color, ethnicity

or national origin for public employment, education or contracting purposes." That's part of the exact language to appear on the November ballot.

In Michigan, affirmative action is a highly incendiary subject, arousing strong feelings, often along party lines. And so it did with the canvassing board, which after much arguing and a raucous public meeting finally accepted the petitions and adopted ballot language under orders from a state court.

IF THE CANVASSERS can't do their job without a court order, then why does it exist?

That's obviously what state Sen. Alan Cropsey figures. He is sponsoring a bill to do away with the board of canvassers and turn over to the professional staff of the elections division the final decisions as well as the ground-work for present board functions.

The legislature likely will pass the Cropsey bill, and state canvassers will bite the dust.

Of course, the secretary of state — the ultimate boss in the Michigan election system — is a partisan elective office, too. It's conceivable that somehow, sometime partisanship might rear its ugly head even after the board of canvassers is long buried.

ALTHOUGH THE actions of the canvassing board this year certainly merit change, personally I hate to see the bi-partisan board abolished.

Like Nellie Forbush in the musical "South Pacific," I guess I'm a cockeyed optimist, who holds out hope for the value of bi-partisanship or even non-partisanship.

What happened to the canvassers lately, it seems to me, can be blamed on several factors, including the individuals

involved, and the nature of the affirmative action issue. But primarily the problem is the pervasive and ever-growing sense of extremism festering in the entire American political system. Political extremes have become too bitter, and dedication to extremism too widespread.

There is no middle ground anymore. The "either you're for me or against me" syndrome leaves no room for accommodation or compromise. Any gray area in political life has almost disappeared.

Maybe politics will improve. I'm not ready to give up on the idea that partisans can remain true to their own beliefs, yet work together for the good of all. I hope I'm right.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

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Well, please make it known that we might have been able to save the school thousands of dollars not only on this purchase but on many other music related purchases that they make. We have been here five years and I have come to the conclusion that we are not able to do anything for the band music programs because of whatever commitments the band has with Marshall. But, this guitar purchase

had nothing to do with the band programs and still the local money managed to be spent in Traverse City.

We have watched our taxes go sky high to support our local organizations and still we hear about how there just does not seem to be enough money to keep our music programs funded well within the schools. I am sure that I am not alone when I say that it is hard to watch our tax dollars being spent everywhere but HERE. But, that is not something new. I have watched this happen for years now and when someone asks me about all the vacant business fronts in this town I can only tell them that there are probably going to be more.

But wait... there are plans to do a facelift to the downtown area. Well think of how beautiful these empty business fronts will look. I must inject my own beliefs here that this town will always be dying until someone with enough power can persuade whoever must be persuaded to give us an

EASY on and off to I-75. This is not something that will happen by itself and if it requires a petition then we need to start one.

I used to live south of town and when I would get off on the 4 mile exit I always thought how cool it would be to put a gas station on this exit because if you are an I-75 traveler there is no way to get gas is Grayling without taking a tour of the town and in many cases getting lost trying to get back on the highway.

I can't help believing that a group of people (perhaps two or more) had a great idea that if we hook up the I-75 exit so everyone must pass through downtown it will bring us business. Well, that might be just an idea that has grown out of its reality because anyone you talk to that drives I-75 will avoid this town like the plague. I guess my idea of a gas station at 4 mile was not so bad after all.

One day last summer I went into that gas station and there had to be 100 to 150 vehicles there getting gassed up and buying

food and souvenirs, etc. It was refreshing to see all this commerce this close to Grayling (Not close enough for me, though).

I did move to Grayling because I like to hunt and fish and I like the people and the freedom of being able to get away from it all. I thank God that all that stuff is still intact.

Thank you Avalanche for giving me a place to vent. If you do not print this I will understand. If you do print this, I apologize to anyone offended by my views. I just need to get a few things out in the open, one of them being that we are here to serve the community and we have made our efforts to save money for local organizations as well as individual customers.

We can only be here for you but we cannot make you shop here even though we have been able to sometimes beat internet pricing.

Al Bondar, co-owner
Dharma Music, Grayling

Brow beating candidates is embarrassing

To the editor,

I watched the last two confirmation hearings for our U.S. Supreme Court and as a citizen I find I need to express my opinion. To watch our statesman in the U.S. Senate brow beat candidates is beyond the scope of their job and to use their time not asking proper questions and using their time to assert their own agenda seems to be a vast waste of my money as a taxpayer and voter.

I'm deeply troubled also to state I've been a Democrat my entire life and I'm amazed that our statesperson would sink to a level I can only say embarrassed me and my party. Who in their right mind can't help but wonder where we are headed as we take the best judges in our country and subject them to cruel and unusual punishment. It saddens me that in this great nation, in the time allotted U.S. Senator for questions, a U.S. Senator could spend 65 percent of his time making a point and never asking the candidates a proper question.

While I'm on a roll, I'd like to also mention our U.S. Senators voting records in Washington. I don't need to mention names as it is a matter of public record. Democrats, are for the minority and the party of the people. The vote on Secretary of State, Ms. Rice, a black woman with more knowledge than a majority of Senators, who voted for or against her came in 1 yea and 1 nay vote in the State of Michigan. The next candidate was a minority also, Mr. Gonzales and both senators voted nay. John Roberts also got 1 yea and 1 nay. Alito has yet to be voted on. My gut feeling gives me 2 nays from Michigan.

If I were a candidate I believe I'd rather sit home and hit my thumb with a hammer. I would at least know I'm stupid and should never be allowed to hold a hammer again. I believe in accountability. People who live in glass houses should refrain from throwing rocks. I miss my party and I want it back.

Rick Anderson
Grayling

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AVALANCHE DEADLINES

Community Briefs items submitted to The Avalanche must be turned in to the office by Monday noon, to appear in that week's issue.

Photographs must be turned in to the office by noon on Friday for consideration in the next issue.

News items and letters should be submitted on 8 1/2-x-11 inch paper, typed, and double-spaced.

Handwritten items must also have ample space between each

line; on lined paper use every other line.

Classified ads by the word must be turned in by Tuesday noon and have to be paid for in advance or they will not be published.

Classified display ads must be turned in by Monday noon.

Full page, half page, or color display ads must be turned in by Thursday at 5 p.m.

The deadline for all display ads smaller than a half page is Friday at 5 p.m.

Letters to the Editor

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.

Every letter must be signed and an address and telephone number must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be

published without the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published.

All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

BRIEFS

Animal Shelter Board to meet

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County's Board of Directors will meet Wednesday, Feb. 1 at 5:30 p.m., in the meeting room of the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library, 201 Plum Street in Grayling. All members are highly encouraged to attend. Public is welcome.

GHS Class of 1976 looking for members

The GHS class of 1976 is searching for members for their 30 year reunion, to be held on July 22, at the Grayling Country Club. Class members are asked to please register on-line at classmates.com, email Herb Olson at herbso@aol.com or phone Jody Hinkle at 348-5192.

Snowmobile Fun Run this Saturday

The 2nd Annual Snowmobile Fun Run to benefit the Animal Shelter of Crawford County will be held Saturday, Jan. 28. Registration begins at 11 a.m. at the Ole Barn, Grayling. Entry fee is a donation of \$25 per rider and includes lunch, dinner, a commemorative t-shirt and chances to win prizes. Fun Run route includes stops at Dingman's Tavern, Sawmill Tavern, Holiday Inn and ends back at the Ole Barn for dinner and music. Come by car if you choose. For more information, call Cheryl at 348-2021.

Consumer Fraud series to be held

The Grayling Senior Center, at 308 Lawndale, will be conducting an eight week series on how to protect yourself from consumer fraud with local law enforcement personnel every Tuesday, after lunch, 12:30 p.m., starting on Jan. 31. The topic for Jan. 31 will be "Your Healthy Credit." Presentation includes information about credit reports and scores, how your credit affects you, how to check and read your credit report, and what to do if information on your report is incorrect. For information call Alice Snyder at 348-7123.

Paper Drive month for the help center

February is "Paper Drive Month" for the Crawford County Christian Community Help Center. Paper towels, facial tissues and toilet paper are needed items. You may take them to churches or to the help center. Call 348-6046 for more information.

Church hosts all-you-can-eat luncheon.

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, on Michigan Avenue, Grayling, will host an all-you-can-eat luncheon of hot casserole, a sandwich, salad, soup and dessert on Thursday, Feb. 2 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person and take-out orders are available. Everyone is welcome.

Church to host community youth night

New Creations Youth will hold a community youth night at the Burning Bush Tabernacle, on Saturday, Jan. 28, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m., with live music and food. Ages 13 through grade 12, and all youth leaders are welcome. For more information call 348-2025.

Organ transplant group to meet

The next meeting for the Organ Transplant Support Group of Northern Michigan will be held on Wed., Feb. 1, in the conference room in the Professional Medical Building located just behind Otsego Memorial Hospital on US-27 north (825 N. Center) in Gaylord at 6 p.m. If you have questions call Bev at 989-983-4188.

Program addresses integrative approach to anxiety and depression

Millions of Americans suffer from different forms of anxiety or depression. The key to feeling better is to identify the cause and tailor a solution to meet the individual needs of patients.

"I see many patients every week who are struggling to manage their feelings of depression and anxiety," said Mary Seger, NP, PhD, a member of the OMH (Otsego Memorial Hospital) Medical Group who specializes in integrative medicine. "It is important for people to realize that the key to feeling better is to identify the cause of those feelings and tailor a treatment plan which will best help that particular person."

Seger is offering a free community program to learn more about anxiety and depression and the treatments that are available to them.

"Some people will see significant improvement just by making dietary or other lifestyle changes - eliminating particular stimulants or depressants from foods they consume. Others benefit from natural therapies with far fewer side effects than conventional medications," said Seger. "For some people a more

traditional medicine is necessary to help them cope with their feelings."

Anxiety and depression are two different medical conditions, explained Seger. Both have the potential for impacting the day-to-day activities of people under the influence of these conditions.

Join Seger for this free community program, at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 7, to learn the signs and symptoms of both depression and anxiety in yourself or those you love. Seger will discuss the behavioral, natural and medicinal options available for treating both conditions.

"Natural therapies can be very effective in treating depression and anxiety," Seger said, "but like in conventional medicine, not all remedies have similar effects and not all work the same for different people. In my practice, we have the opportunity to utilize many different types of therapy to create the best outcome possible for my patients."

For information on the Feb. 7 program, contact Mary King, OMH Health Education Coordinator, at 989-731-2193. For information on Mary Seger, call (989) 731-7870.

RAFFLE WINNERS

Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for Jan. 22 of \$25 each: Danny Butzin, Ted Stephan, and Dee Mead.

Project Graduation

The "Lucky 300 Club" Raffle winner of \$100 each for Jan. 6 is Nancy Hatfield, winner for Jan. 13 is Virginia Sullivan and winner for Jan. 20 is Sue McNally.

Chamber is accepting nominations for 14th annual Athena Award

The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the 14th annual ATHENA Award. Nominations are now being accepted for the ATHENA Award which will be presented on Feb. 9, at the Grayling Holiday Inn to an exceptional individual who has achieved excellence in her/his business or profession, has served the community in a meaningful way, and has assisted women in reaching their full leadership potential.

The ATHENA Award, started in Lansing, in 1982, is presented in hundreds of cities in the United States and Canada. The award takes the form of a hand cast-bronze sculpture symbolizing the strength, courage and wisdom of the recipient.

The Grayling Chamber of Commerce believes in the values underlying the ATHENA Foundation's philosophy of incorporating talent and expertise of women into the leadership of our businesses, our communi-

ties, and our government. The spirit of the ATHENA Award Program is captured in a quotation from Plato, "What is honored in a country will be cultivated there."

By honoring exceptional leaders, others will be encouraged to excel.

The Grayling recipient will be invited to join the thousands of ATHENA Award recipients worldwide at the annual International ATHENA conference. As a part of an international network of leaders, the Grayling ATHENA Award recipient becomes part of a force with a strong voice in setting new standards of leadership practice.

The ATHENA Award Program is nationally underwritten by General Motors, National City, and Buchanan Ingersoll PC. Local sponsorship is provided by Scheer Motors of Grayling.

Nomination forms may be obtained by contacting Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce at 989-348-2921.

College Financial Aid Seminar coming to Otsego County

Davenport University and Spring Arbor University will be hosting a Financial Aid Seminar at the Otsego County Library on Tuesday, Jan. 31 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Financial Aid advisors will be available to provide general information, answer specific questions, and help prospective and/or current students complete the 2006-07 Free Application for Federal Aid (FAFSA). The Otsego County Library computer lab will be reserved for this event.

Come prepared with a personal identification number (PIN) available through www.pin.ed.gov. The PIN takes up to three days to process. This number will allow students to sign on to FAFSA electronically and complete and/or correct the

application online. In order for a parent to sign the application electronically, he/she must also apply for a separate PIN. Bring your completed 2005 taxes or as much federal tax information as possible (social security numbers, driver's license number, W-2 forms, or benefit information). A printed worksheet is available online at www.fafsa.ed.gov or at the University Center.

For more information, contact Deanna Couture at Spring Arbor University at 989-705-3740 or Bill Morgan at Davenport University at 1-800-894-0883.

RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled for the period of Jan. 26 - Feb. 1 is as follows:

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.) will be conducting live and inert bombing operations by the Air National Guard during Jan. 26 - 27 and Jan. 30 - Feb. 1.

The Range 30 Complex, located north of North Down River Rd., east of Jones Lake Rd., south of County Rd. 612, and west of Bald Hill Truck Trail. Jan. 26 - Feb. 1.

In addition, the following roads will be closed, Bucks East - West Truck Trail from Jones Lake Road to Bald Hill Truck Trail, Ketchum Truck Trail from Bucks East-West to N. Down River Rd., Stephan Bridge Rd. from County Rd. 612 to N. Down River Rd., and Wakeley Bridge Rd. from County Rd. 612 to N. Down River Rd.

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Due to mobilizations or critical training requirements, the Post Commander may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time.

This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: (989) 348-6371. For further information call 1-800-628-5820.

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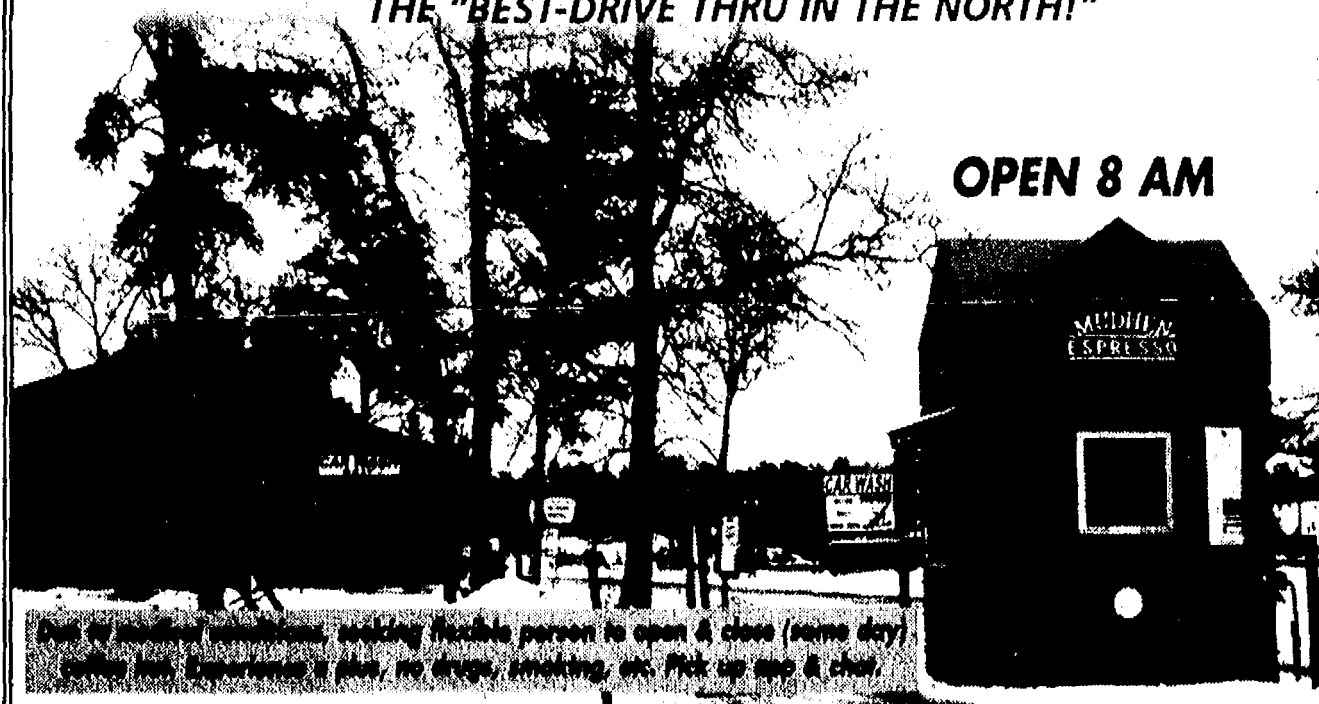
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The Bible Speaks

Holding God's Truth

18For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness." What we do with God's revealed truth is the first sin listed as facing God's wrath from Heaven. "...Who hold the truth in unrighteousness." All human beings possess varying degrees of God's revealed truth.

All human beings, regardless of how pagan or barbarian they may appear, have at some time possessed and perverted God's truth. Knowledge of God is manifest in them, Rom 1:19. People understand God's eternal power and deity by observing His creation, Rom 1:20. They understand His glory and incorruptibility, Rom 1:23. They have possessed His truth, Rom 1:28. They are trying to forget God, Rom 1:28, because they hate Him, Rom 1:30. They know He is a God of judgment and justice against sin, Rom 1:32. The truth God has placed within their hearts and revealed through His creation, they have known, but have deliberately chosen to reject.

Because pagan people have possessed and perverted God's

truth by holding it in unrighteousness, God has turned them over to their own choices. The first area of perversion deals with sexual immorality. "24Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves." (Rom 1:24). Left unrestrained by God they degenerated into sodomy. "26For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature." Because of their sodomy, God gave them over to a reprobate mind in Rom. 1:28: "28And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient." As a result of their reprobate minds they are "filled with all unrighteousness." Their specific sins of unrighteousness are identified in Rom. 1:29-31.

God revealed His truth to enlighten and free us. It is the personal responsibility of every person to obey the truth God has revealed. We have the promise of our Lord in John 7:17: "If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of

myself." If we will do God's will He will give us more light or truth. "Good and upright is the LORD: therefore will he teach sinners in the way. The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way." (Psa. 25:9).

"And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein." (Isaiah 35:8).

God's revealed truth offers to us eternal life, freedom, love, joy, peace, and hope. God's revealed truth rejected leaves one choosing eternal damnation, eternal bondage, hatred, sadness, frustration, and despair. No one will be able to give any excuses for ending up in eternal Hell! People will go there for deliberately rejecting the truth and light God has revealed to give them eternal salvation. What have you been doing with the light and truth God has given you? Read this message to those you love. Pastor "B"

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OBITUARIES

Lewis Bennett

Dec. 18, 1927 - Jan. 18, 2006
Lewis "Ted" Bennett, 78, of Mackinaw City, passed away on January 18, 2006.

Lewis was born on December 18, 1927, in Grayling, to Frank and Emma (Krolik) Bennett.

He married the former Harriet Miller, on December 13, 1951 at St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Ted served his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He owned and operated several Mackinaw City area businesses for many years and retired in 1990. He enjoyed working in his fruit orchard, traveling and watching sports on T.V.

He is survived by daughters: Carol (Dan) Carney, of Grayling; Terry (Galen) Styskal, of Cheyenne, Wyo., and Debra (Todd) Hargraves, of St. Ignace; sister, Phyllis (Jack) Bray, of East Lansing; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, parents and brother, Robert.

Cremation has taken place and a graveside memorial service will be held in the spring at Lakeview Cemetery in Mackinaw City. Memorial contributions can be directed to Hospice of the Straits.

Arrangements were made by Nordman Funeral Home in Cheboygan.

Kathy Sue Kelly

There will be a memorial service for Kathy Sue Kelly Saturday, Jan. 28, at 1 p.m., at the Grayling Eagles Hall. A potluck dinner will follow. Feel free to join the family in the celebration of Kathy and her life.

Card of Thanks

I feel compelled to express my appreciation for the courtesy and assistance given to me by the Proprietor of Lockwood-Sorenson Funeral Home, when I called to make service arrangements for my Dear husband.

With many miles between us, it was a task I sadly dreaded, not knowing who would be at the other end of the phone. But I was greeted with a very caring voice immediately putting me at ease.

When I explained my needs, Ms. Lockwood was very, very helpful and most patient, taking the time to explain every option available to me. She displayed, at all times, the utmost professionalism with the kindest regard for my feelings.

Knowing I could not be there for the services, Ms. Lockwood sent me photos she had taken with fresh flowers noticeably displayed and several months later I received a check which she claimed was an overcharge.

Thank you Ms. Lockwood, you are exceptional.

Mrs. Brad Jarmin

Card of Thanks

The family of Terri Vanderwall would like to thank everyone who sent flowers, cards, had masses said, or made donations in her name. Your sympathy is appreciated.

Marie and Bob Prause
Denise and Doug Latuszek
Jackie and Joe Riddle
Linda and Mark Crane
Steve Vanderwall

Donald R. Olsen

July 28, 1958 - Jan. 19, 2006
Donald R. Olsen, 47, of Lovells Township, passed away on January 19, 2006.

Donald was born on July 28, 1958, in Clinton Township, to Robert R. and the late June (Hawkins) Olsen.

He enjoyed the company of his dog, Rocky, and helping neighbors and friends with handyman projects.

He is survived by his brother, Russell (Barbara) Olsen, of Chesterfield Township; niece, Melissa Olsen and nephew Thomas Olsen.

He was preceded in death by his twin brother, Thomas, and his mother, June, in November 2005.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m., February 11, at Immanuel United Methodist Church, 23715 Gratiot Ave., East Pointe.

Condolences may be sent to Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home, P.O. Box 602, Grayling, MI 49738. Arrangements by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home in Grayling.

Card of Thanks

Our family has had a home in Grayling for over 30 years. It started as a weekend place and for the last eight years has been a retirement home for our parents, Frank and Janet Shaffer. The "cabin" as we fondly refer to it, has long been a place to share wonderful times.

Unfortunately, we spent the first week of this year in Grayling for a much different reason. Our dad was taken to Grayling Mercy Hospital with what appeared to be a severe case of dehydration from the flu. After arriving at ER it quickly became evident that it was much worse and he was admitted to CCU.

In a matter of just a few hours our extremely large family of 5 children, their spouses, several of 13 grandchildren and even one great-grandchild converged on Grayling Mercy. Amazingly the staff was unfazed and welcomed us with open arms. Nothing was too much to ask.

Dad was gravely ill and required immediate surgery that the staff doubted he would survive. We must admit coming from the metro Detroit area, with several nationally renowned medical facilities, we were concerned with the quality of care he would receive. Our fears were gone the moment we met his surgeon, Dr. Ramaswamy. His professionalism and expertise combined with kindness and compassion comforted us.

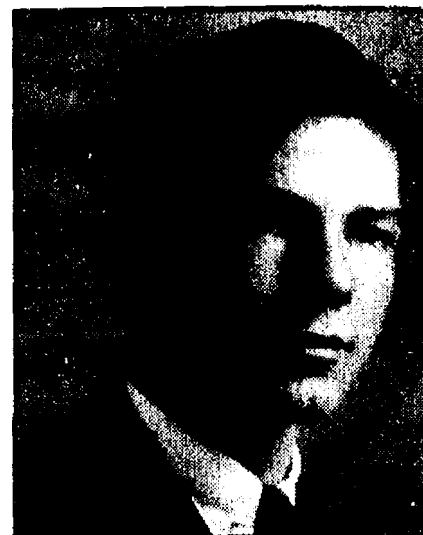
The nursing staff, especially Mary, Tamara and Tammy, treated dad like he was their own. They were gentle and loving every step of the way. Brian, a respiratory therapist, was honest and straightforward, yet caring and hopeful. Each staff member had their own way of making sure we knew dad was receiving the best care available.

Dad survived the surgery, but suffered many set backs along the way. Hope faded fast that if he survived he would not have the kind of quality of life he would have wanted. Consequently, we had life altering decisions to make, with the guidance of Dr. Ramaswamy and his remarkable staff, the family was able to carry out dad's wishes.

Today, we celebrated dad's life and the legacy he has left, in our hometown of Redford. We will soon travel north to bring dad to his final resting place in his "other" hometown, which he loved from the minute he found it.

Words just don't seem enough to thank Dr. Ramaswamy and the entire staff at Grayling Mercy for making dad's last days dignified and painless. The support they gave to dad and our family made losing him bearable because he was able to do it "his way".

The family of
Franklin Shaffer, Sr.



Nelson Vollmer

Dec. 4, 1918 - Jan. 15, 2006
Nelson Vollmer, 88, of Dearborn Heights, passed away on January 15, 2006.

Nelson was born in Saginaw, on December 4, 1918. He was a graduate of Frederic High School. He married Orale (Burke) Vollmer in Detroit on June 29, 1940. He resided in Dearborn Heights and worked as a roofing contractor and was a volunteer fireman.

Nelson and Orale spent as much time as possible at their beloved up north cabin where he enjoyed hunting, fishing, and snowmobiling with family and entertaining friends.

He is survived by his son, William (Ginger) Vollmer, of Dearborn; three grandchildren, Mindy, Ryan and Brad; four great-grandchildren; and sisters, Waneeta Fauver of Saginaw and Louisa Waterford of Frederic.

He was preceded in death by his wife.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Roger Roettger

Roger Roettger, age 87, of Higgins Lake, passed away on January 17, 2006.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, January 21, at Walsh Funeral Home, Roscommon. Arrangements made by Walsh Funeral Home in Roscommon.

Paul E. Smith

July 4, 1934 - Jan. 16, 2006
Paul E. Smith, 71, formerly of Grayling, passed away on January 16, 2006.

Interment will take place at Ft. Custard, in Battle Creek.

Card of Thanks

Janice and I would like to thank everyone for the service and dinner.

Kathy Madsen, thank you for your help and service. You did great. The Crawford County Sheriff Dept., for all you did, your presence was greatly appreciated. Paul Smith, we will never forget your words and stories. There were things my kids never knew. We could not have asked for anything better, God bless you.

To everyone who donated food, worked, any input at all, thank you. To you who helped write the story, thank you will never be enough. To Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home for your help and words, thank you. Thank you to everyone who was there for him.

The family of John
Galloway Sr.

HONORS

Kirtland Community College

Dr. Charles Rorie, president of Kirtland Community College, announces that the following students earned certificates and degrees after the fall semester of the 2005-2006 academic year. They are: Kathy Graham, certificate, general business, summa cum laude of Frederic; Jeffrey Bond, associate in applied science, graphic design, summa cum laude; Jennifer Kerr, certificate, massage therapy, magna cum laude; Jennifer Kerr, associate in applied science, massage therapy, magna cum laude; Mary Kowalski, special certificate, basic emergency medical technician; Sasha Latuszek, certificate, office assistant; Sasha Latuszek, associate in applied science, legal secretary; Veronica Louchart, associate in fine arts, studio art; Michelle Ross, certificate, general business, cum laude, all of Grayling.

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AuSable Manistee Fiber Guild donates to Riverhouse Shelter

During the AuSable Manistee Fiber Guild Christmas party, guild members collected several winter wear items for Riverhouse Shelter. Over 18 hats, 13 scarves, eight mittens sets, a quilt and a baby blanket were knitted, woven or quilted for the residents. A monetary donation was given also. Cora Flowers of Fabrics and More donated yarn for the effort. For three years, the AuSable Manistee Fiber Guild has donated handmade goods to Riverhouse.

The guild invites anyone who is interested in fiber of any form to attend their monthly meetings held on the second Wednesday of the month at the Devereaux Library, Grayling, at 10 a.m., unless a field trip is planned. Members are currently involved with a hand-woven coverlet project and are making plans to attend a national fiber conference this summer.

If you're interested in fiber, food and fun, call Marcia at 348-2933.

Support sought to save parade

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Carole Herdrich, a GPA member who organized the forum, said the organization is hoping to form several small committees to handle parts of the parade rather than having a person or organization assigned to do the entire event.

"If we don't get the community support, there

will be no parade," Herdrich said. "It's a wonderful, small town parade and it's an essential part of the AuSable Canoe Marathon Festival weekend."

The timing to get people behind the parade is critical because popular bands and acts that take part in parades are now being booked for events this year, said Herdrich.

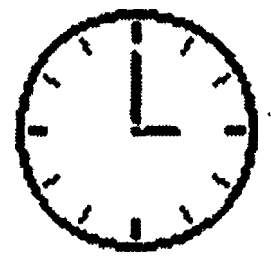
Community Awards Night to be held

The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, Citizens Bank of Grayling and the Grayling Youth Booster Club announce the annual Community Awards Night will be held Feb. 9, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Grayling Holiday Inn.

Evening events include: Grayling Youth Booster Club Presentation, Chamber of Commerce Board Recognition, Chamber Ambassador of the Year,

Silver Lining Award (presented to a member business who has made improvements to the exterior of their building), ATHENA Award presented by Scheer Motors of Grayling, and the Citizen of the Year Award. To nominate an individual for the ATHENA Award and Citizen of the Year, please contact the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce at 989-348-2921.

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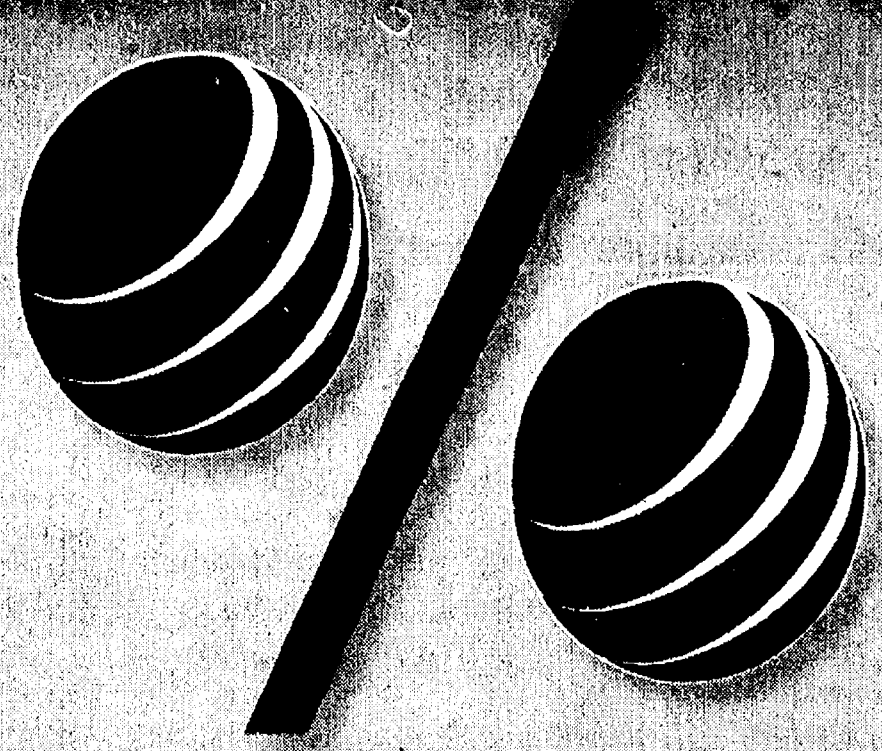
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HONORS

National Honor Roll

Five students from our region qualified for induction into the Spring 2005 National Honor Roll: Amanda Jackson and Alexandra Mosel, both of Grayling; Johnathan Miltenberger, Emily Ruppert and Amanda Woischon, all of Kalkaska.

The National Honor Roll recognizes high-achieving high school and middle school students. "Young people like our inductees, who work hard to attain academic success, deserve to be congratulated," says Lynn Romeo, Publisher of the National Honor Roll. "Honoring their achievements provides motivation and

encourages them to continue striving. We're proud to include them in the National Honor Roll."

The National Honor Roll offers several benefits which can contribute to the success of its student members. For students in the 2004/2005 school year, National Honor Roll set aside \$25,000 to be shared among 25 of its qualifying inductees. All members were entitled to compete for one of these National Honor Roll Awards for Academic Achievement, which were awarded in December.

The National Honor Roll contacts potentially qualifying students after reviewing informa-

tion about their academic performance.

Each student is asked to submit information about his/her GPA, interests, activities, and future goals. Only students with a B or better average are eligible. 64 percent of the inductees in the Spring 2005 National Honor Roll averaged an A- or better, 35.4 percent averaged B through B+. 18 percent were Seniors (Class of 2005); 31 percent Juniors (Class of 2006); 26 percent Sophomores (Class of 2007); 22 percent Freshman (Class of 2008); and 3 percent were from the Class of 2009.

For more information, visit www.nationalhonorroll.org.

HONORS

Ferris State University

University officials have announced that 2,963 students received Academic Honors for the Fall 2005 semester at Ferris State University and Kendall College of Art and Design. The Fall 2005 semester ended in December.

To be eligible for Academic Honors, undergraduate students

must have accumulated at least a 3.5 GPA in no fewer than 12 credit hours of coursework at the 100 level or higher during the given semester, while part-time must have accumulated at least 12 credit hours of graded coursework at the 100 level or higher with a 3.5 semester GPA and a 3.3 cumulative GPA.

Among the students were:

Kimberli N. Mitchell and Kelly L. Wilson, both of Frederic; Andrea Comer, Anthony M. Neal, Chet A. Wheeler, and Rachel C. Wisniewski, all of Grayling; Kimberly A. Passmore, of Mio; and Justine M. Benford, Jennifer L. Gaylor, Matthew D. Gubancsik, Stephanie L. Kann and Krystyna M. Sherman, all of Roscommon.

HOMETOWN NEWS

December 17, marked an old fashioned gathering as 105 immediate family members of the late Jack and Mabel Millikin gathered at the Legion Hall for a traditional family Christmas. A potluck dinner was served, stories were shared and new family members welcomed. Santa arrived with candy canes for all

and presented gifts to the little ones.

The newest member of the clan present was Alexia Taylor D'Amour, daughter of Michael and Arica D'Amour, granddaughter of Patty (Millikin) and Monty D'Amour, great-granddaughter of Nita and the late Jack (Pete) Millikin.

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Conservation district names administrator

The Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District Board of Directors, on Jan. 4, named Theresa Compton as the district's

new administrator. Compton succeeds Barb Stauffer, who retired Jan. 2 from that position after 34 years with the district. Stauffer said Compton, who has been assistant administrator 2 1/2 years, brings to the district "a lot of fresh, new ideas."

Compton worked for Macomb Duplicating in Roseville before moving to Houghton Lake three years ago. With her experience with computers and a strong interest in natural resources, she said, "I always wanted a job where I could help people." Among the projects she is looking forward to is the district's first "Conservation Expo," scheduled for March 25 at the CRAF Center in Roscommon.

The district is inviting other conservation-related organizations to showcase their services at the public event.

Stauffer will continue to work in the district office part-time as Roscommon County Recycling Coordinator. Stauffer, after graduating from the Northeastern School of Commerce in Bay City, worked for the Roscommon State Bank and for attorneys in Roscommon.

"Then in 1971, I saw an ad in the local newspaper for the perfect job for me," Stauffer said. "I could put my business skills to work for an office that dealt with the outdoors I loved, only one-half day a week and for \$1.50 an hour."

The job was at the office of the conservation district, which had been formed just 3 1/2 years earlier. The district office at that time was in the basement of the Roscommon County Building. It later moved to the county build-

ing annex, the Centre Building and finally to the CRAF Center. Stauffer first held the title district aide, then coordinator and finally administrator.

Stauffer has worked with six district conservationists, who are assigned to the district by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

For 17 years, she also was program assistant for the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service/Farm Service Agencies.

In the mid-1990's, the district contracted with Roscommon County to administer the county's recycling program and gypsy moth suppression programs. Stauffer has administered both since that time.

She also has overseen other projects, including erosion control and tree planting on area rivers, at Higgins Lake and at Camp Grayling.

During Stauffer's tenure, the district's budget has grown from \$4,000 to more than \$327,500 and its mailing list from 53 names to more than 4,000. She estimates she has hired 300 to 400 people as laborers, technicians, foresters, program coordinators and office assistants.

For information on the district and its programs, call (989) 275-5231.



Theresa Compton (front) is assigned as the Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District's new administrator succeeding Barb Stauffer (back), who retired after 34 years with the district.

HONORS

Grayling High School's Zac Baker and Amanda Lutz have been honored with a nomination for the coveted Wendy's High School Heisman Award. Awarded in conjunction with the collegiate Heisman, this program celebrates the nation's top high school seniors who best exemplify a well-rounded "citizen-scholar-athlete."

Principal Doniel Pummell nominated these two promising leaders for their academic aptitude, athletic talent and exceptional commitment to their communities.

"We believe it's important to celebrate success in all facets of life," said Doniel. "The Wendy's High School Heisman is the ultimate way to showcase students' diverse achievements for all to

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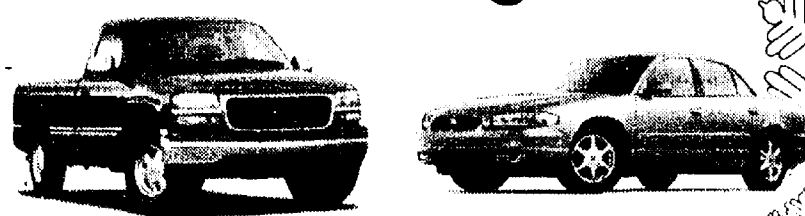
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Special edition of Christian comic released

Twelve area churches and businesses are sponsoring a special edition of the Christian comic strip, "The Cardinal." The limited edition, Classic Cardinal, features four complete Cardinal stories from the mid 1990's.

Included in the 28-page comic book is the story, "Melancholy," about teen depression and an interview with a professional counselor. "The depression issue from 1996 was one of our best received editions," said Gaylord cartoonist, K. J. Kolka, creator of the comic. "It was our first comic where we had non-comic readers picking the comic up to obtain information on this common mental illness. We're glad to finally be able to reprint both the fictional story and the interview for local people."

Other stories in Classic Cardinal

include "Coming Home," about adjusting to changes in life; "Imperfections," about struggling with one's appearance and bullying; and "Guinea Pig," about trusting God.

Each story features the adventures of the Cardinal, a college-age super hero, and his friends who encounter various dangers and mysteries. Moral lessons are showcased in each story.

Sponsors for the comic include Mount Hope Lutheran Church, Grayling.

Classic Cardinal is available locally at Christian Corners and Comics North in Cheboygan; Great Northern Drug, Onaway; The Ark, Indian River; Promises & Praises, Petoskey; Boyne Country Books, Boyne City; Saturn Books, Gaylord; Mobil gas station, Atlanta; Grayling Pharmacy, Grayling; The Bookworm, Roscommon; and North End Grocery in Frederic.



The limited edition Christian comic strip "The Cardinal" is available locally.

Mercy Grayling partners with new radiology group

Advanced Radiology specialists from Image North are performing on-site services

Mercy Hospital Grayling has formed a partnership with Image North, PLC, as its new radiology professional service provider. The advanced radiology specialists of Image North, with offices in Gaylord and Petoskey, include David J. Fleszar, DO; Patrick J. McNamara, DO; and Matthew L. Visconti, MD.

The three radiologists are board certified and have more than 55 years of combined experience in radiology, including MRI, mammography, 4-D ultrasound, general and vascular ultrasound, bone densitometry, stereotactic breast biopsy, and image guided spinal pain management.

Mercy Hospital Grayling and Image North will be working collaboratively to provide enhanced radiology services at the hospital. Image North Radiologists are providing on site services Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. Evening and weekend coverage is currently being provided by

radiology services.

"We are very pleased to have the services of these specialists available to our patients," said Stephanie Riemer-Matuzak, Chief Executive Officer of Mercy Hospital Grayling. "It is another step in our ongoing efforts to expand the services we provide to the community."

The radiology department has recently undergone several significant improvements, including a new picture archiving and communications system for better access and storage of radiology studies.

A new Cerner RadNet radiology information system will be launched at Mercy Hospital Grayling in February, which will provide physicians with quicker and complete access to radiology studies.

Construction currently taking place to house a permanent Siemens 1.5 Tesla MRI at the hospital is on target for completion in the spring. The permanent unit will significantly reduce wait times for MRIs. In addition, ultrasound equipment was recently upgraded to include two new Acuson Sequoia units for high resolution imaging of patients.

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Grayling Missionaries to work in Mexico

Grayling Free Methodist Church is launching a work group to Guadalupe, Mexico on April 1.

Tapestries of Life Ministries is a nondenominational mission dedicated to helping the poor and orphans of the Mexico region in a mission located on 27 acres of desert. Their goal is to build a

community to house and care for orphans medically, educationally and spiritually all with volunteer labor and donated materials.

Approximately 14,000 homeless orphans wonder the streets of Juarez near the mission. The children are often used in sex trade. Michigan missionaries will be helping to finish orphanage

construction and will be spending a day in Juarez feeding hungry families.

With the help of generous people from Grayling and Roscommon, the Michigan missionaries will be paying for their own construction materials and donated food in addition to their travel, room and board.



The Grayling Free Methodist Church is sending a work group to Mexico. Among them are: Becky Secord, Nancy Parmerleau, Carolyn DeWitt, Christa Linder, Abby LeClair, Pastor Rick Secord, John Parmerleau. Not pictured: Jaun Portugal, Richard and Carol Silverman, Joe Carpenter and Leta Watts.

HeadWaters Land Conservancy rises to the challenge grant

When the HeadWaters Land Conservancy met its goal of raising \$125,000 for a challenge grant, it was more than obtaining the largest contribution to date.

It was the first step to a higher level of existence.

"It's going to help us hire the staff that we need to do the land protection work that we're being asked to do," Fred Gottschalk, HWLC's executive director, said.

The Carls Foundation in Detroit sponsored the grant.

"We've worked with many conservancies all over Michigan," Elizabeth Stieg, executive director of the Carls Foundation, said. "HeadWaters showed a compelling need for the grant."

One of the most important reasons Stieg gives for issuing the grant is the concentration of big lands in the HWLC service area.

"It's a beautiful area of the state," she said. "Because it's more rural, it provides a lot of opportunities to place a conservation easement."

The grant was also an opportunity for HWLC to build its financial support capacity.

"We went out and solicited individuals and businesses that were located in our part of the state and had an interest in pre-

serving it," Gottschalk said.

Increasing capacity was not the only goal. "A big part of it is sustainability," Gottschalk said. "A lot of people have pledged money to HeadWaters over a period of years. That helps because we know from their pledges that we have a certain amount of money we can count on."

Businesses such as Weyerhaeuser and The Woodworker's Shoppe contributed heavily to the grant. Associations such as Anglers of the AuSable and the J.A. Woollam Foundation also joined in.

"It's really about the people who supported us," Gottschalk said. "They aren't interested in seeing lands turned into subdivisions and strip malls. They're interested in seeing forest lands and farm lands, and they want the extra miles so we can continue protecting the 'Up North' you enjoy."

William Carls, founder of Numatics Inc, and his wife Marie formed the Carls Foundation, in 1961. It works

with many conservancies and trusts to preserve the natural beauty of Michigan.

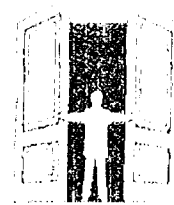
Headwaters Land Conservancy is a non-profit organization that covers the northeastern area of Michigan. It was started in 1993 and currently has over 3500 acres under its protection.

A conservation easement like the Marsh's is a voluntary legal agreement that allows a landowner to permanently protect land and limit future development of the land, while retaining ownership and the ability to sell. Conservation easements are perpetual. Future owners of the land are held to the terms of the agreement, and the land conservancy is responsible for permanently monitoring and enforcing the terms. A building envelope for future homesites can be built into the conservation easement as long as it does not disrupt the conservation values of the property.

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Class Starts: February 6, 2006
Length of Class: 8 weeks
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Time: 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Place: Grayling Middle School, Computer Lab
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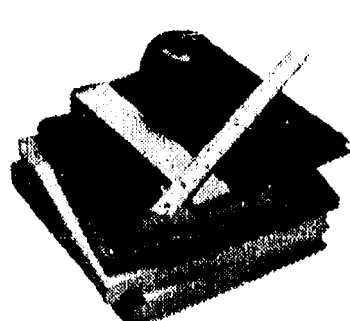
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and Jason Evon.

Jason and Kobe will be married in a traditional Thailand ceremony on August 11, 2006 in Thailand and will have a Christian civil ceremony in late August of 2006.

Plummer, Mead engaged



Becky Plummer and Pete Mead

The families of Bob and Nancy Plummer, of Traverse City and Bob and Patty Mead of Grayling would like to announce the engagement of their children, Becky Plummer and Pete Mead.

The couple is planning an August 2006 wedding in Traverse City.

Card of Thanks

Thank you to all volunteers and staff that helped make our youth wrestling tournament a huge success. Without parents, friends, school staff, league staff, and the high school wrestling program, our youth wrestling tournament would not have run as well as it did.

Thank you again on a job well done.

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SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 94 complaints the week of Jan. 16 - Jan. 22:

Twenty-three traffic accidents, one accident, fire, three accident, all other, one inspection, three civil matters/family disputes, six suspicious situations, one natural death, one missing persons, 19 general non-criminal complaints, one rescue call-fire, three false alarms, one assault/intimidation/stalking, one burglary/home invasion, one larceny-personal property from vehicle, one motor vehicle theft, one vehicle theft, one fraudulent activities, two damage to properties, one damage to property-private property, one drug/narcotics violation, 10 public peace/disorderlies, two OUIL/UBALS, three health and safeties, two miscellaneous arrests and five driving violations-driving while license suspended.

Sheriff Wakefield asks: "Do you know where your children are?"

For more information, log on to: www.crawfordsheriff.org.

GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl Schreiner reports his department handled the following during the week of Jan. 15 - Jan. 22:

Six traffic accidents, four private property accident, eight traffic warnings, one motorist assist, five assist other. departments, one criminal sexual conduct complaint, two larceny complaints, one alarm complaint, two disturbing the peace complaints, one attempt to locate, four city ordinance violations, one suspicious situation, one probation violation, one stalking/harassment complaint, and 15 unclassified complaints.

LIBRARY NEWS

February is National Bird Feeding Month. Sign up for the library "For the Birds" program or workshops. "For the Birds" is learning all about our feathered friends, bird identification, feeding, feeders and more.

The program, three sessions total, will be held at Devereaux Memorial Library Thursdays, Feb. 9, 16, and 23, at 3:30 p.m. Limited enrollment, must be pre-registered to attend.

One Day Workshops will be held at CCLS branches for both kids & adults: Saturday, Feb. 11, 2 p.m., at Lovells Township Hall. Saturday, Feb. 18, 12 p.m., at Frederic Library. Saturday, Feb. 25, 12 p.m., at Beaver Creek Library. Limited enrollment, must be pre-registered to attend.

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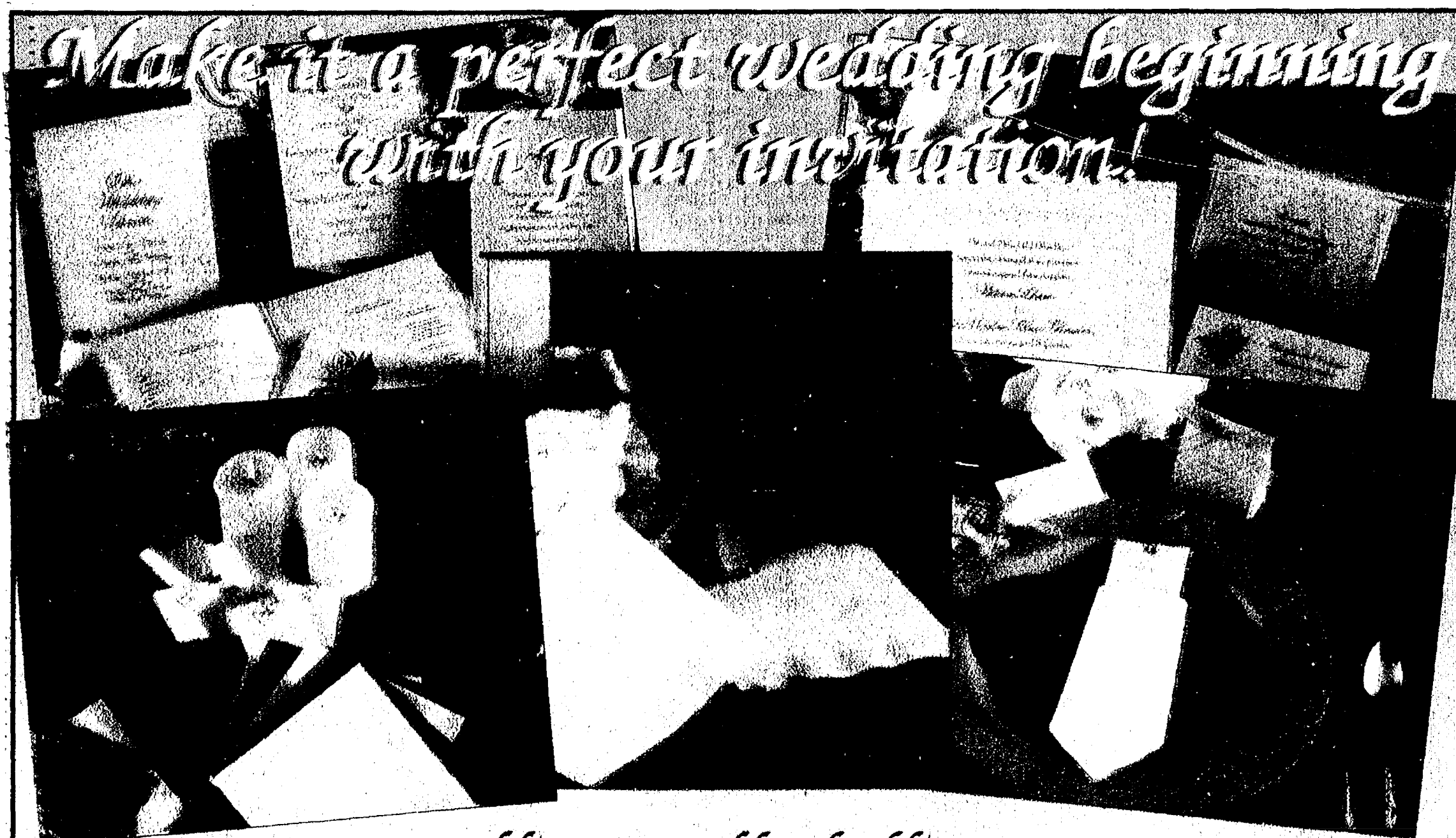
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Vikings win league battle vs. Gladiators 58-50 at TCSF

Grayling, St. Francis now tied for LMC lead at 5-1

■ **GHS improves overall record to 8-1 with conference win at Traverse City**

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

The Vikings of Grayling High School won a league showdown vs. Traverse City

St. Francis last Friday, defeating the Gladiators 58-50 in a varsity boys basketball contest at Traverse City.

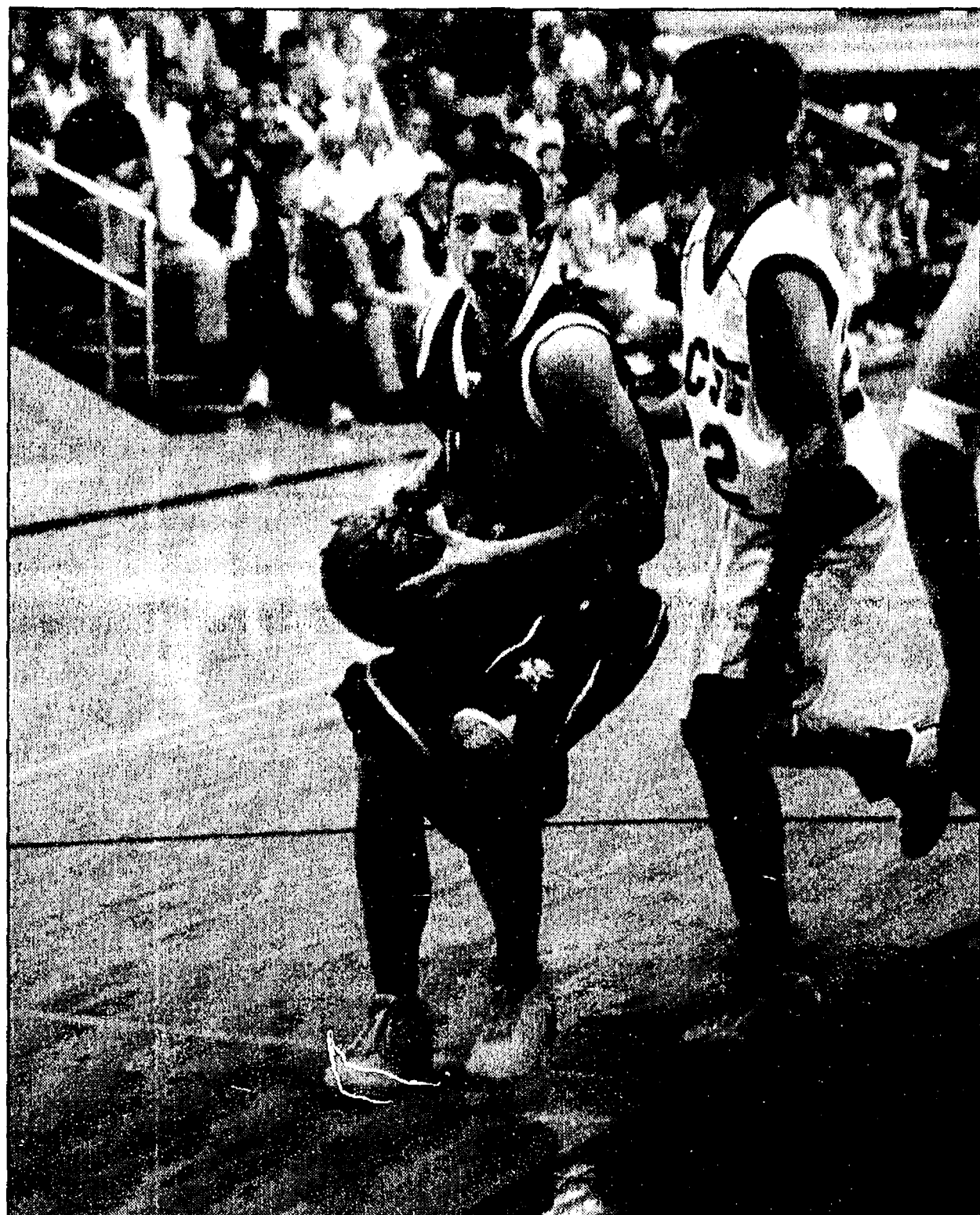
GHS led 24-8 after one quarter and had a 33-23 advantage at halftime. The Gladiators continued to chip away at Grayling's lead, and the Vikings led by two, 44-42,

going into the fourth period.

Grayling scored the first two baskets of the fourth quarter with drives by Bobby Starks and Eli VanNuck to lead 48-42. The Gladiators answered with a jam, but they were whistled for a technical foul

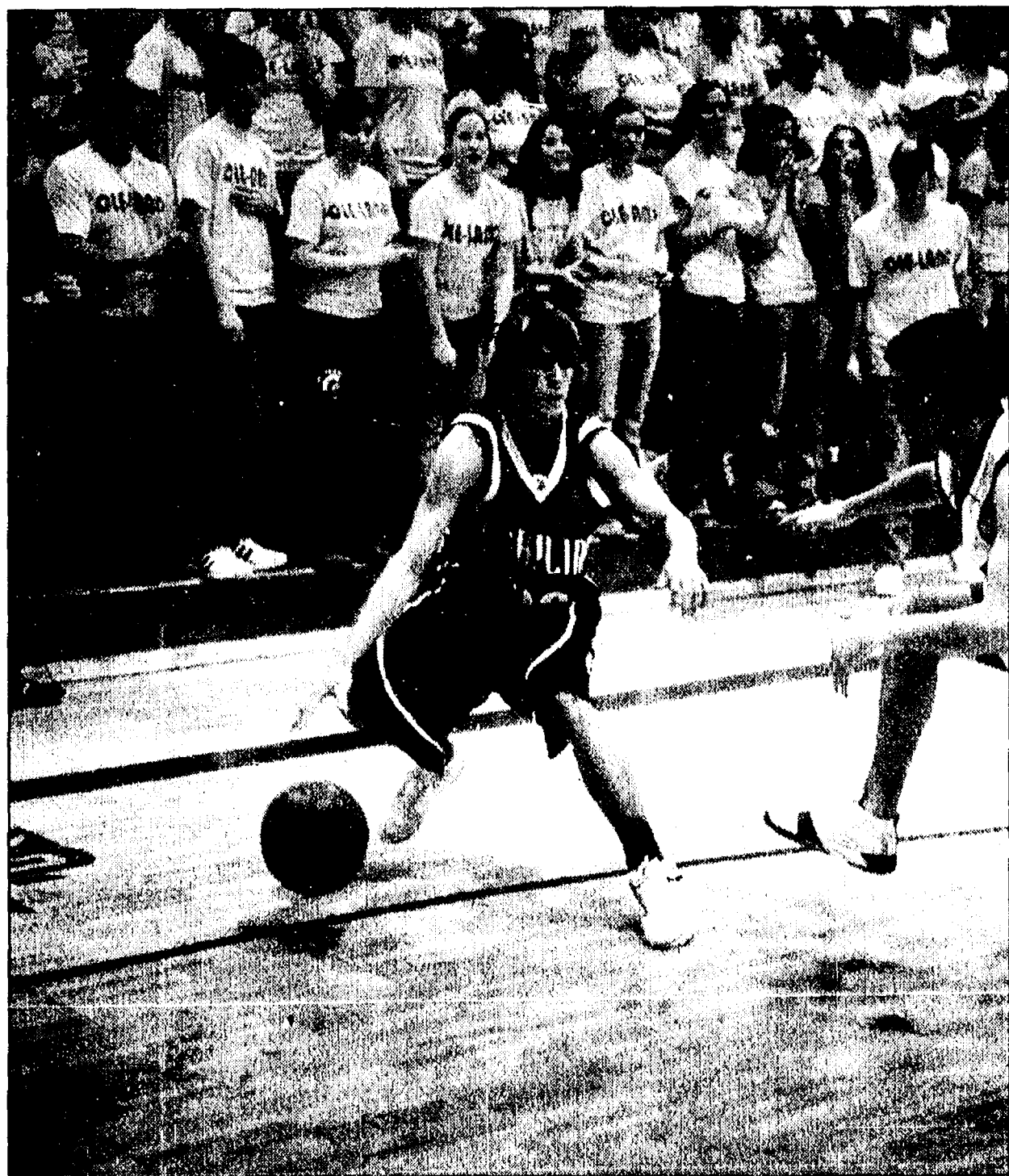
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See "VIKINGS..."



Photos by Caleb Casey

Reagan Schmidt handles the ball for the Vikings at Traverse City St. Francis on Friday night.



Eli VanNuck dribbles the ball for GHS on Friday.

GHS wrestling squad defeats Traverse City St. Francis, Charlevoix

Vikings win vs. Gladiators, Rayders 46-24, 45-33

■ **Grayling places 8th out of 20 teams at Ithaca and has six top-eight finishers**

The GHS wrestling team defeated Charlevoix and Traverse City St. Francis in a Lake Michigan Conference tri-meet last Thursday at Grayling Middle School.

Charlevoix posted a 44-33 victory over Traverse City St. Francis in the first match of the night. The Grayling Vikings then competed against the Charlevoix Rayders.

Eric Gosicki (119) won the

first bout of the meet with a first round pin, giving GHS a 6-0 lead. Charlevoix tied the score at 6-6 with a pin in the 125-pound division. The Rayders won the 130-pound weight class with a third round pin to lead 12-6.

Cody Collen (135) and Cody Malone (140) pinned their Charlevoix opponents in the first round to give Grayling an 18-12 advantage. Charlevoix won the 145-pound division with a first round pin, tying the match at 18-18.

Jeff Bancroft (152) won by default. Eric Madill (160) won a 13-6 decision. Jacob Reynolds

(171) won by forfeit. GHS led 33-18.

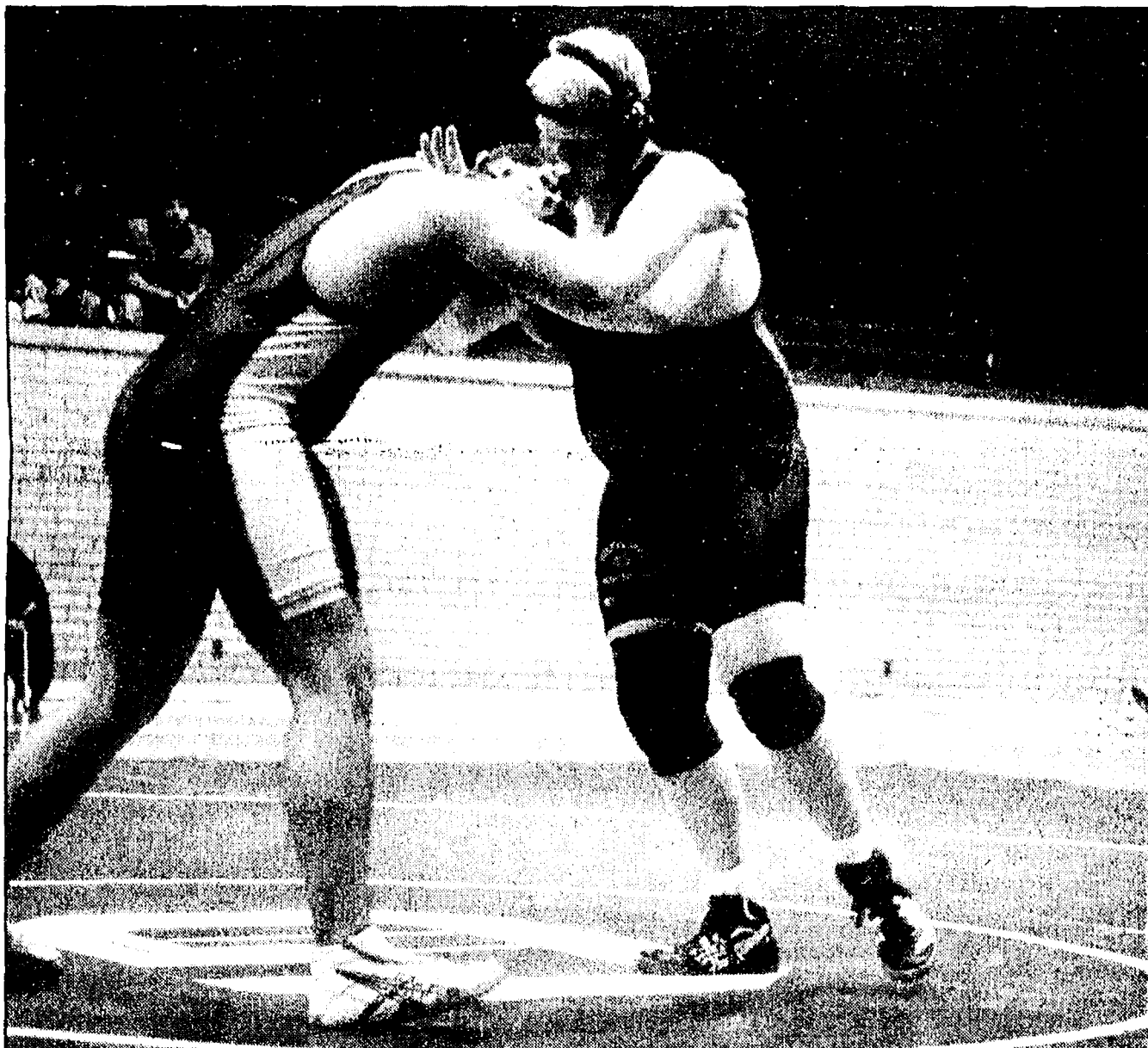
Charlevoix won the 189-pound weight division by decision, 7-3. Joey Ferrigan (215) and Bill Stewart (heavyweight) pinned their opponents in the first round, clinching a Grayling victory.

The Rayders won at 103 with a second round pin and they won the 112-pound weight class by default, but Grayling finished the meet with 45 team points to Charlevoix's 33.

In the Grayling vs. Traverse City St. Francis meet, the

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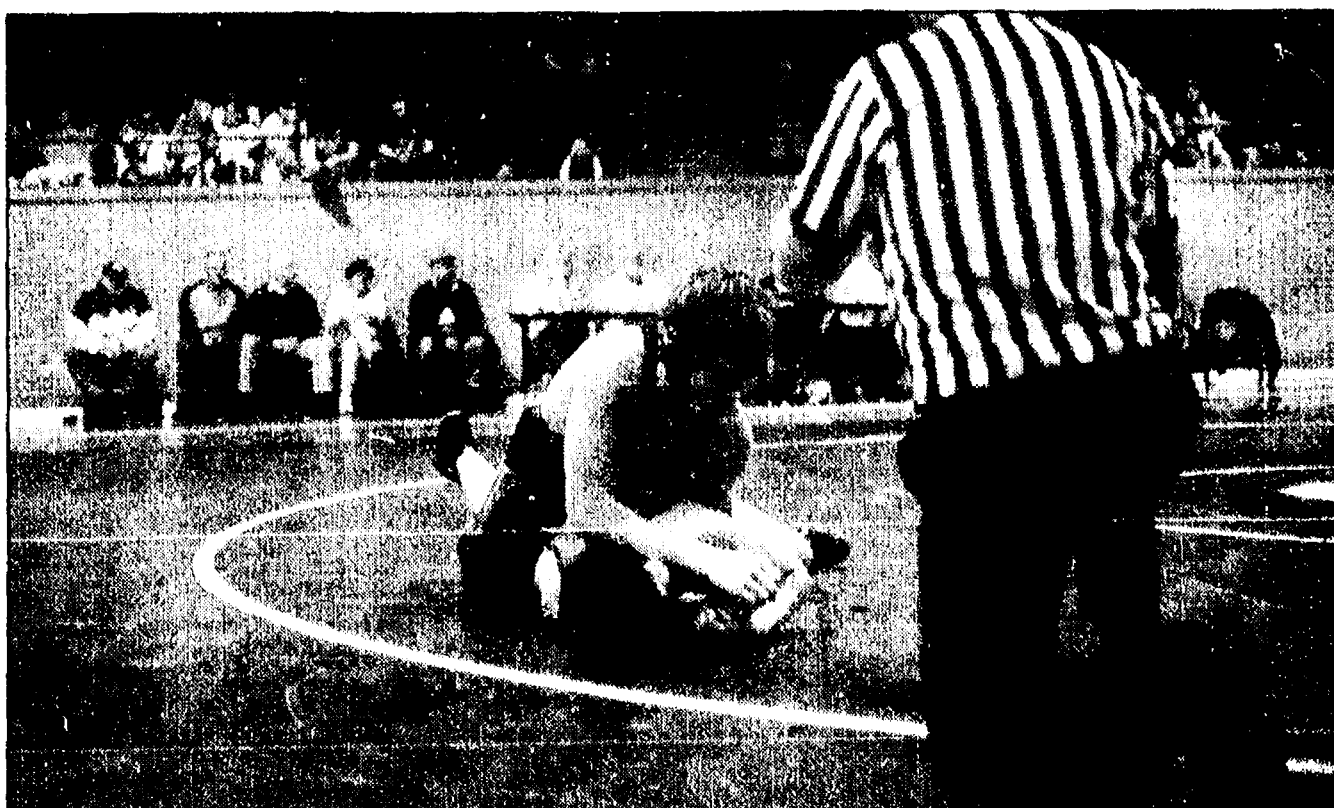


Photos by Caleb Casey

Bill Stewart (heavyweight) wrestles against Traverse City St. Francis.



Cody Collen (130) competes against a Gladiator opponent on Thursday.



Eric Madill wrestles in the 160-pound division vs. Traverse City St. Francis.

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Richard Schreiber drives to the basket for Grayling during Friday's game at Traverse City St. Francis.



Josh Stapleton shoots from the free throw line for GHS on Friday night.

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JV basketball squad falls to Gladiators at TCSF

Grayling High School's junior varsity boys basketball team lost a league game at Traverse City St. Francis by a final score of 70-41 last Friday.

The Gladiators led 35-10 at halftime and took a 54-25 advantage into the fourth period. TCSF won by 29 points.

"We didn't show up to play until the second half," Coach Chris Kucharek said.

Josh Stapleton had 11 points, 11 defensive deflections, and 4

steals for GHS. Jason Drudge had 12 points and 4 steals. Richard Schreiber had 8 points and 4 steals. Isaac VanNuck scored 6 points for the Vikings.

Grayling will host Boyne City on Friday, Jan. 27.



Rocky McNamara shoots for the Vikings vs. the Gladiators of TCSF.



Jason Drudge handles the ball for the Vikings.

9th grade team wins at Elk Rapids, Harbor Springs

The GHS freshman boys basketball squad recently won road games at Harbor Springs and Elk Rapids.

On Friday, Jan. 13, the Vikings defeated the Elks at Elk Rapids 58-45.

"Best team effort and game this year," Coach Ryan Fritz said. "We beat a very good freshman team."

The victory improved Grayling's overall season record to 6-2.

Trent Larm posted a double-double for GHS at Elk Rapids with 28 points and 10 rebounds. Spencer Dean had 11 points. Alex Gabriel had 6 points and 8 rebounds. Ryan Foguth had 7 points -- all in the fourth period. Foguth and Jacob Aubry combined for 12 steals.

On Tuesday, Jan. 10, Grayling won at Harbor Springs 61-41.

Larm had 22 points, Doug Gothro had 8, Gabriel had 6, Tyler Steffy had 6, and Foguth

had 7. Aubry had 5 points and 4 steals.

"Foguth, Aubry, Johnny Cochrane, Dustin Russo, Zach Hart, and Spencer Dean are all doing a good job replacing Jimmy Osga, who was our starting point guard," Coach Fritz said.

(Osga is out with a knee injury.)

The Vikings will host Boyne City at 4:15 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 27.

Michigan Cup Marathon Cross Country Ski Race Results

| Men's 30K Race Results (Name, Bib #, Division, Time) | | | |
|--|-----|-------|---------|
| Overall Winner | | | |
| Milan Baic | 508 | 46-50 | 1:04:17 |
| Results by Age Division | | | |
| Rodney Halstead | 472 | 18-25 | 1:18:23 |
| Will Fogel | 570 | 18-25 | 1:19:25 |
| Grant Scimunen | 567 | 18-25 | 1:36:04 |
| Eric Holma | 478 | 18-25 | 1:43:24 |
| Andrew Triebold | 482 | 26-30 | 1:05:40 |
| Andy Weddle | 536 | 26-30 | 1:06:05 |
| Meizar Caulter | 477 | 26-30 | 1:10:53 |
| Michael Schaefer | 461 | 26-30 | 1:10:55 |
| Matt Palomaki | 460 | 26-30 | 1:12:55 |
| Robert Mitchell | 564 | 26-30 | 1:14:24 |
| Brian Royce | 578 | 31-35 | 1:06:03 |
| Christian Byar | 565 | 31-35 | 1:09:06 |
| Bob Smith | 455 | 31-35 | 1:11:59 |
| Steve Kolonich | 484 | 31-35 | 1:13:48 |
| Jack Deegan | 471 | 31-35 | 1:16:04 |
| Aaron Swanker | 547 | 31-35 | 1:17:36 |
| Tom Cook | 480 | 31-35 | 1:21:32 |
| Derek Svoron | 481 | 31-35 | 1:25:34 |
| Theo VonWallmenich | 475 | 31-35 | 1:27:19 |
| Jim Samuels | 474 | 36-40 | 1:09:28 |
| Dave Fanslow | 511 | 36-40 | 1:10:18 |
| Steven Vreckon | 468 | 36-40 | 1:10:47 |
| Todd Vigland | 510 | 36-40 | 1:12:04 |
| Dell Todd | 562 | 36-40 | 1:12:45 |
| Jeff Kalerber | 535 | 36-40 | 1:14:14 |
| Ryan Robinson | 520 | 36-40 | 1:14:40 |
| Glenn Goodman | 489 | 36-40 | 1:16:05 |
| Greg Rudillon | 518 | 36-40 | 1:18:25 |
| Brian Greene | 550 | 36-40 | 1:22:24 |
| Terence Cunro | 487 | 36-40 | 1:25:23 |
| Tim Feldkamp | 492 | 36-40 | 1:26:11 |
| Dave Durbin | 473 | 36-40 | DNF |
| Denny Paull | 519 | 41-45 | 1:09:29 |
| Jim Harwood | 456 | 41-45 | 1:10:48 |
| Steve Sauder | 502 | 41-45 | 1:10:58 |
| Bill Manny | 558 | 41-45 | 1:14:15 |
| Larry Kanaby | 533 | 41-45 | 1:17:31 |
| Michael Seamen | 592 | 41-45 | 1:17:25 |
| Jerry Weiss | 582 | 41-45 | 1:19:51 |
| Steve Rudolph | 530 | 41-45 | 1:21:10 |
| Jon Webb | 503 | 41-45 | 1:21:38 |
| John Chadwick | 563 | 41-45 | 1:22:54 |
| Mike Temkin | 526 | 41-45 | 1:25:38 |
| Douglas Endicott | 506 | 41-45 | 1:26:19 |
| Brian Jaffe | 490 | 41-45 | 1:30:02 |
| Randy McElwain | 539 | 41-45 | 1:45:12 |
| Dale Ernst | 534 | 41-45 | 1:49:22 |
| David Maclean | 584 | 46-50 | 1:05:41 |
| Stan Brossard | 554 | 46-50 | 1:11:52 |
| Chris Weingartz | 522 | 46-50 | 1:12:34 |
| Greg Putalik | 531 | 46-50 | 1:12:47 |
| Mike Muha | 517 | 46-50 | 1:13:28 |
| Gregory Roll | 513 | 46-50 | 1:13:32 |
| John Nienstaedt | 457 | 46-50 | 1:15:16 |
| Doug Heady | 491 | 46-50 | 1:17:24 |
| Dennis Alfena | 505 | 46-50 | 1:17:33 |
| Joel Moore | 469 | 46-50 | 1:18:50 |
| Dettel Berndt | 514 | 46-50 | 1:19:38 |
| Bruce Barton | 451 | 46-50 | 1:19:50 |
| Doug Carpenter | 463 | 46-50 | 1:20:10 |
| Steve Seager | 543 | 46-50 | 1:21:35 |

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| R. Bladel | 574 | 46-50 | 1:22:53 |
| Bob Eifler | 454 | 46-50 | 1:26:45 |
| Mark Madorski | 516 | 46-50 | 1:29:02 |
| Mark Buday | 532 | 46-50 | 1:29:12 |
| Jeffrey Moore | 540 | 46-50 | 1:29:39 |
| Bryce Dreeszen | 580 | 46-50 | 1:29:52 |
| Devan Thelofold | 527 | 46-50 | 1:31:51 |
| Rick Nejer | 586 | 46-50 | 1:31:51 |
| Dave Atkins | 509 | 46-50 | 1:33:32 |
| Mike Harris | 525 | 46-50 | 1:34:02 |
| Sam Gillespie | 528 | 46-50 | 1:39:38 |
| Clifford Onthank | 498 | 51-55 | 1:07:45 |
| Tim Triebold | 483 | 51-55 | 1:09:30 |
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| Robin F. Luce | 488 | 51-55 | 1:20:20 |
| Frank Rynalski | 486 | 51-55 | 1:23:06 |
| Bob West | 462 | 51-55 | 1:24:51 |
| Duane Amato | 590 | 51-55 | 1:30:30 |
| Kevin Kelly | 521 | 51-55 | 1:30:45 |
| Bob VandeKopple | 559 | 51-55 | 1:32:28 |
| Dan Nolan | 467 | 51-55 | 1:32:50 |
| Spencer Ruffner | 470 | 51-55 | 1:39:18 |
| Greg Worrel | 586 | 51-55 | 1:44:13 |
| Larry Mergentime | 591 | 51-55 | 2:46:03 |
| Brad Wagner | 7000 | 51-55 | DNF |
| William Kaitz | 453 | 56-60 | 1:17:42 |
| Mark Payne | 549 | 56-60 | 1:19:52 |
| Dick Fultz | 572 | 56-60 | 1:19:56 |
| Michael Tarnow | 524 | 56-60 | 1:24:49 |
| Rick Weir | 587 | 56-60 | 1:25:24 |
| Larry Timm | 537 | 56-60 | 1:27:58 |
| Bill Ganser | 573 | 56-60 | 1:28:40 |
| Ken Kolonich | 485 | 56-60 | 1:29:01 |
| David Mitchell | 551 | 56-60 | 1:31:15 |
| Ernie Brumbaugh | 552 | 56-60 | 1:35:28 |
| Max Johnson | 580 | 56-60 | 1:39:21 |
| Dave Whitlock | 555 | 56-60 | 1:40:55 |
| Duane Palomaki | 459 | 60+ | 1:16:03 |
| Peter Johnson | 575 | 60+ | 1:23:04 |
| Steve Smigiel | 466 | 60+ | 1:24:08 |
| Bill Haefner | 589 | 60+ | 1:25:37 |
| Jim Woodburne | 523 | 60+ | 1:27:04 |
| Ed Clary | 464 | 60+ | 1:30:17 |
| Arne Borgnes | 544 | 60+ | 1:32:32 |
| Ray Drysdale | 545 | 60+ | 1:42:00 |
| Tom Rushford | 546 | 60+ | 1:54:18 |
| John Sturtevant | 495 | 60+ | 1:59:03 |
| Alfred Pinchak | 465 | 60+ | N/T |

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| Women's 15K Race Results | | | |
| Overall Winner | | | |
| Megan Madion | 497 | 36-40 | 0:38:10 |
| Results by Age Division | | | |
| Lindsay MacDonald | 571 | 18-25 | 0:43:39 |
| Emily Flynn | 548 | 18-25 | 0:44:57 |
| Elizabeth Otto | 568 | 18-25 | 0:52:59 |
| Adrienne Walts | 556 | 19-25 | 1:06:52 |
| Kelly Mikolajczyk | 479 | 31-35 | 0:42:57 |
| Amy Powell | 504 | 36-40 | 0:39:44 |
| Amy Todd | 561 | 36-40 | 0:47:26 |
| Wendy Davidson | 585 | 41-45 | 0:39:38 |

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| Daniela Gebhart | 515 | 41-45 | 0:42:09 |
| Terri Pomfret | 583 | 41-45 | 0:45:55 |
| Chris Seager | 542 | 41-45 | 0:51:17 |
| Joann Cavalletto | 512 | 41-45 | 0:52:08 |
| Debbie Westphal | 496 | 46-50 | 0:40:25 |
| Ivanka Berkshire | 579 | 46-50 | 0:41:17 |
| Ellen Thompson | 541 | 46-50 | 0:50:08 |
| Fran Upton | 581 | 46-50 | 0:51:13 |
| Cobina Sauder | 501 | 46-50 | DNF |
| Karen Dawson | 576 | 51-55 | 0:49:22 |
| Maria Iwaniec | 529 | 51-55 | 0:50:07 |
| Linda Allen | 494 | 51-55 | 0:57:16 |
| Carole Mueller-Brumbaugh | 553 | 51-55 | 1:01:33 |
| Gussie Peterson | 493 | 56-60 | 0:42:48 |
| Amy Wilks | 556 | 56-60 | 1:01:55 |
| Cheryl Timm | 538 | 56-60 | 1:16:56 |

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| Junior 7K Race Results | | | |
| Overall Male | | | |
| Jesse Smith | 422J | 14-16 | 0:16:40 |
| Overall Female | | | |
| Catarina Gullledge | 409J | 14-16 | 0:21:20 |
| Results by Age Division | | | |
| Jessie Anderson | 439J | 13&U | 0:28:17 |
| Marler Sauder | 499J | 13&U | 0:34:10 |
| Ross Williams | 408J | 13&U | 0:19:02 |
| Lyle Anderson | 437J | 13&U | 0:20:59 |
| Lloyd Anderson | 438J | 13&U | 0:21:49 |
| Janel Sauder | 500J | 14-16 | 0:21:59 |
| Emily Westerman | 415J | 14-16 | 0:22:07 |
| Hannah Ciesla | 413J | 14-16 | 0:22:21 |
| Bridget Tiffany | 412J | 14-16 | 0:24:43 |
| Rebecca Barton | 403J | 14-16 | 0:24:58 |
| Kaitlyn Patterson | 435J | 14-16 | 0:26:19 |
| Adelle Wunsch | 416J | 14-16 | 0:27:19 |
| Alexandra Timm | 434J | 14-16 | 0:28:36 |
| Tom McFadden | 430J | 14-16 | 0:17:12 |
| William Ward | 419J | 14-16 | 0:17:55 |
| Brendan Ball | 429J | 14-16 | 0:18:12 |
| Anders Nienstaedt | 405J | 14-16 | 0:19:00 |
| Aaron Jaffe | 424J | 14-16 | 0:19:07 |
| Mac Brennan | 433J | 14-16 | 0:19:15 |
| Zachary Wagner | 432J | 14-16 | 0:19:22 |
| John McFadden | 431J | 14-16 | 0:19:50 |
| Elliot Putman | 418J | 14-16 | 0:19:52 |
| Kevin Tarzon | 421J | 14-16 | 0:20:27 |
| Joe Gougeon | 411J | 14-16 | 0:20:45 |
| Neil Murray | 402J | 14-16 | 0:21:23 |
| Tony Maltroil | 410J | 14-16 | 0:22:41 |
| Mark Alanson | 427J | 14-16 | 0:23:24 |
| Garrett Schilkey | 425J | 14-16 | 0:23:42 |
| Sam Hawkins | 426J | 14-16 | 0:27:22 |
| Jessie Hemming | 414J | 17-19 | 0:21:55 |
| Tyler Jenema | 428J | 17-19 | 0:17:17 |
| Kyle Endicott | 423J | 17-19 | 0:17:49 |
| Spencer Beatty | 407J | 17-19 | 0:18:10 |
| Ryan Halslead | 401J | 17-19 | 0:18:11 |
| Jacob Telchroew | 404J | 17-19 | 0:20:03 |
| Jonathan Upton | 436J | 17-19 | 0:22:40 |
| Ben Harris | 417J | 17-19 | 0:22:42 |
| Greg Morgan | 406J | 17-19 | 0:23:50 |
| Bryan Cairp | 420J | 17-19 | 0:25:10 |
| Chris Deljan | 569J | 18-25 | 0:34:14 |

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Hanson Hills hosts Michigan Cup Marathon ski race

■ **More than 180 skiers race in 30K, 15K, 7K events on Saturday, Jan. 14**

More than 180 skiers competed in a Michigan Cup Marathon cross country ski race event at Hanson Hills on Saturday, Jan. 14.

Grayling Recreation Authority,

which operates Hanson Hills, reported that "conditions were fast" for Saturday's races.

The event included three races — a 30K men's division, a 15K women's division, and a 7K junior division.

Milan Baic was the overall winner of the men's 30K division with a time of 1:04:17. Megan Madion won the 15K women's

division with a time of 0:38:10.

The junior division winners were Jesse Smith (male) and Catarina Gullledge (female). Smith posted a time of 0:16:40 and Gullledge finished in 0:21:20.

A complete list of results for the three races is available on this page or online at www.hansonhills.org.



The Michigan Cup Marathon 30K cross country ski race begins on Saturday morning, Jan. 14, at Hanson Hills.



Bob Smith of Grayling competes in the recent Michigan Cup Marathon 30K event at Hanson Hills.

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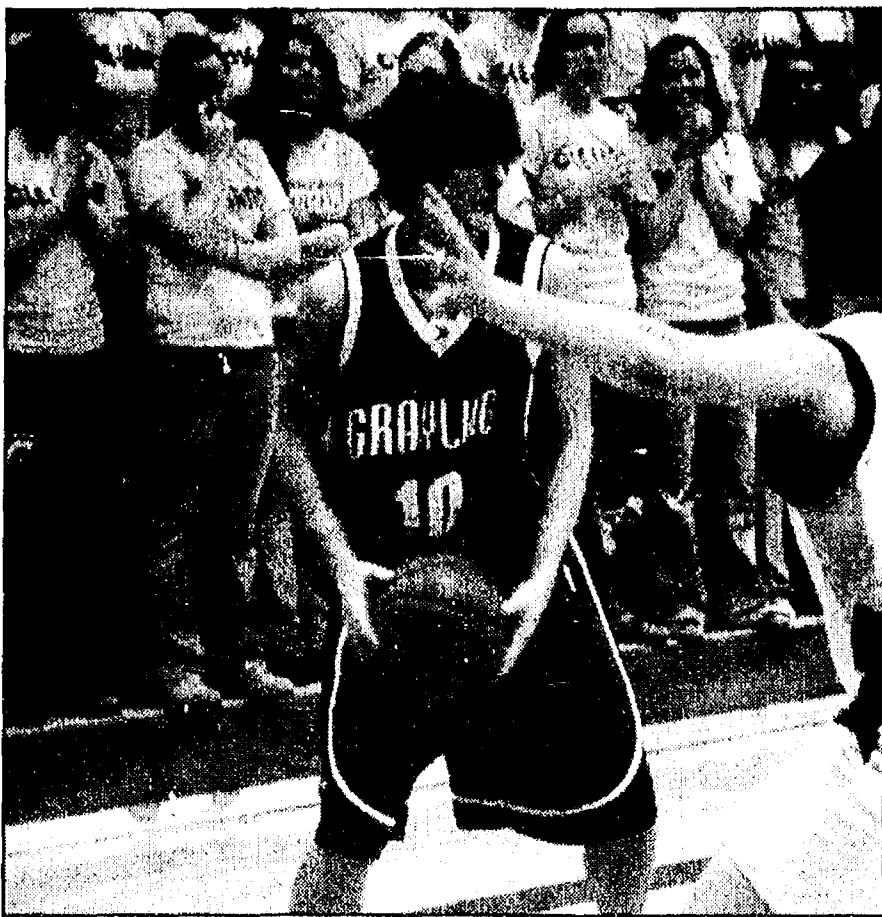
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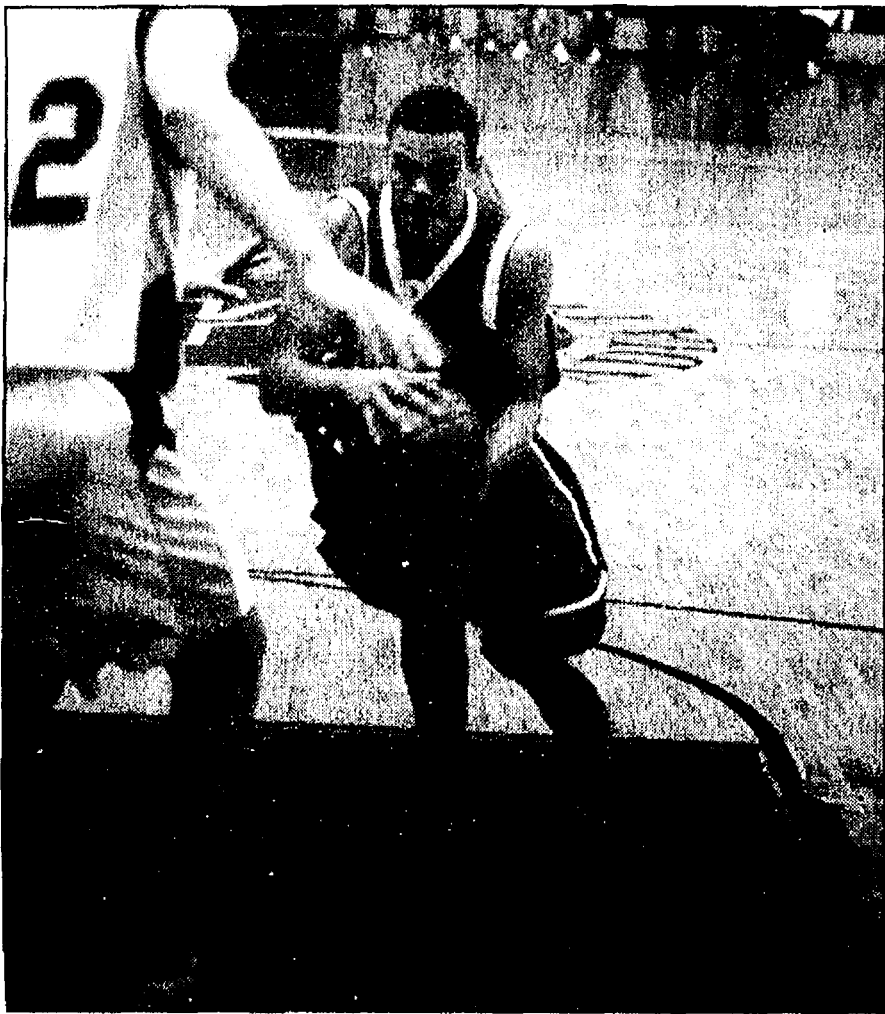
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(Left) Ryan Feldhauser handles the ball for Grayling at Traverse City St. Francis on Friday. (Right) Bobby Starks takes a free throw shot for the Vikings vs. the Gladiators.



Vikings win league battle vs. Gladiators 58-50 at TCSF



Steve Hodge controls the ball for Grayling during Friday night's game at Traverse City.

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for hanging on the rim. Mike Boylan hit both of the resulting free throws, giving GHS a 50-44 advantage.

A drive and a jump shot by VanNuck put Grayling up by 10, 54-44, with 2:18 remaining in regulation. An inside shot by TCSF pulled the Gladiators within eight. St. Francis fouled to stop the clock, and Grayling missed the free throw attempt. A Grayling foul put the Gladiators at the line, and TCSF hit both shots to cut Grayling's lead to six, 54-48, with 1:20 left in the game.

Traverse City St. Francis fouled and GHS missed the free throw try. A tie-up on the rebound attempt resulted in possession for the Gladiators. TCSF tried for three, missed, and Zach Dean came down with the rebound for Grayling. The Gladiators fouled, and Grayling missed the resulting free throw attempt. VanNuck forced a tie-up on the rebound and the possession arrow favored GHS.

The Gladiators fouled Starks on a lay-up attempt, and he hit both free throws to give the Vikings a 56-48 lead with 48 seconds remaining.

TCSF missed three three-point attempts before settling for

a jump shot, pulling the Gladiators to within six, 56-50, with 19 seconds left in regulation.

VanNuck scored an inside shot on an assist from Dean. The Gladiators missed at the other end and VanNuck rebounded the ball for GHS. Grayling won by a final score of 58-50.

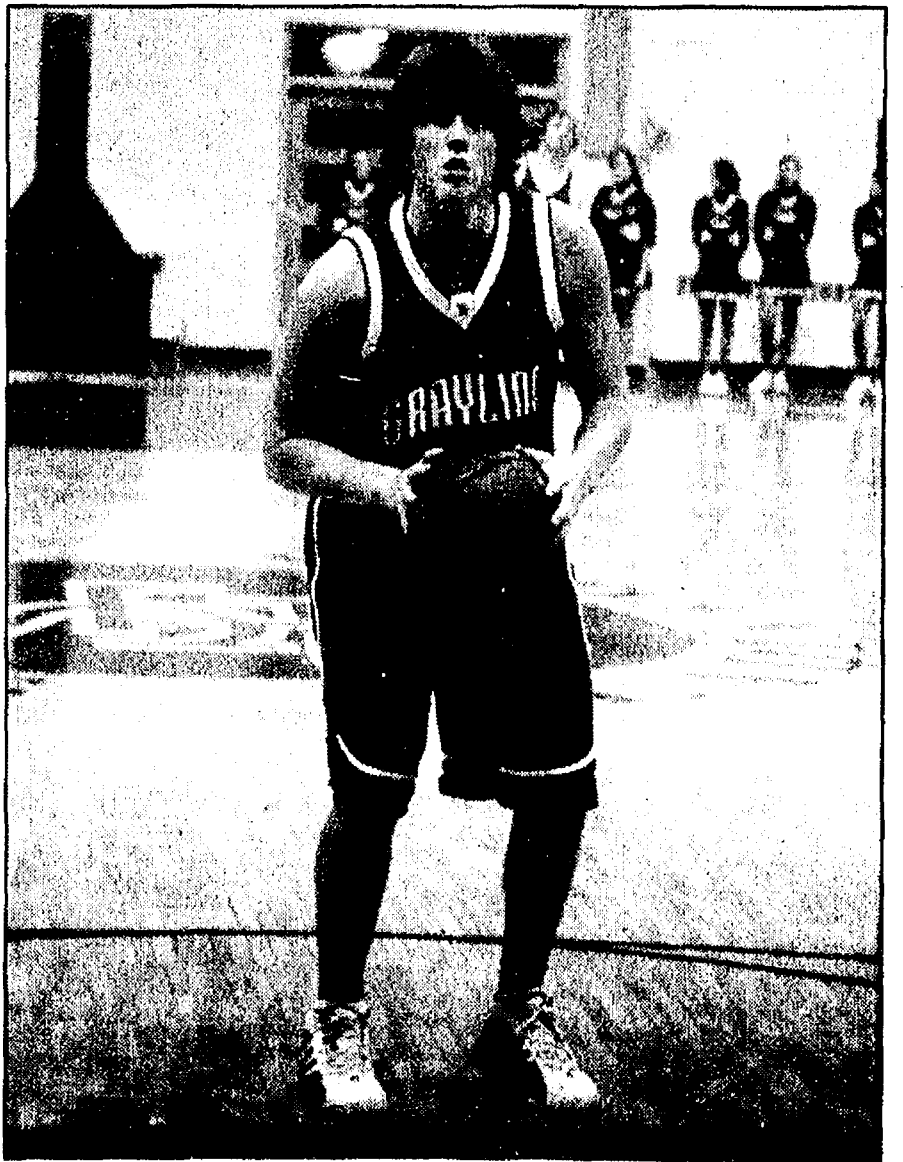
"Our kids showed a lot of character in this game," Coach Rich Moffit said. "We got off to a great start. St. Francis battled back and our kids toughened up. I'm proud of the way we battled at the end."

VanNuck finished the contest with 26 points and a team-high 4 steals. Starks had 16 points and 9 rebounds. Jim Boylan had 8 points and 10 rebounds. Dean finished the game with 10 rebounds. Reagan Schmidt, Dean, and M. Boylan also scored points for Grayling.

The Vikings and Gladiators are now tied for the lead in the Lake Michigan Conference. Both squads are 5-1 in league play. GHS is 8-1 overall.

Last Tuesday's scheduled home game vs. Kalkaska was postponed due to weather conditions.

Grayling will host the Boyne City Ramblers on Friday, Jan. 27.



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Zach Dean shoots a free throw for the Vikings.

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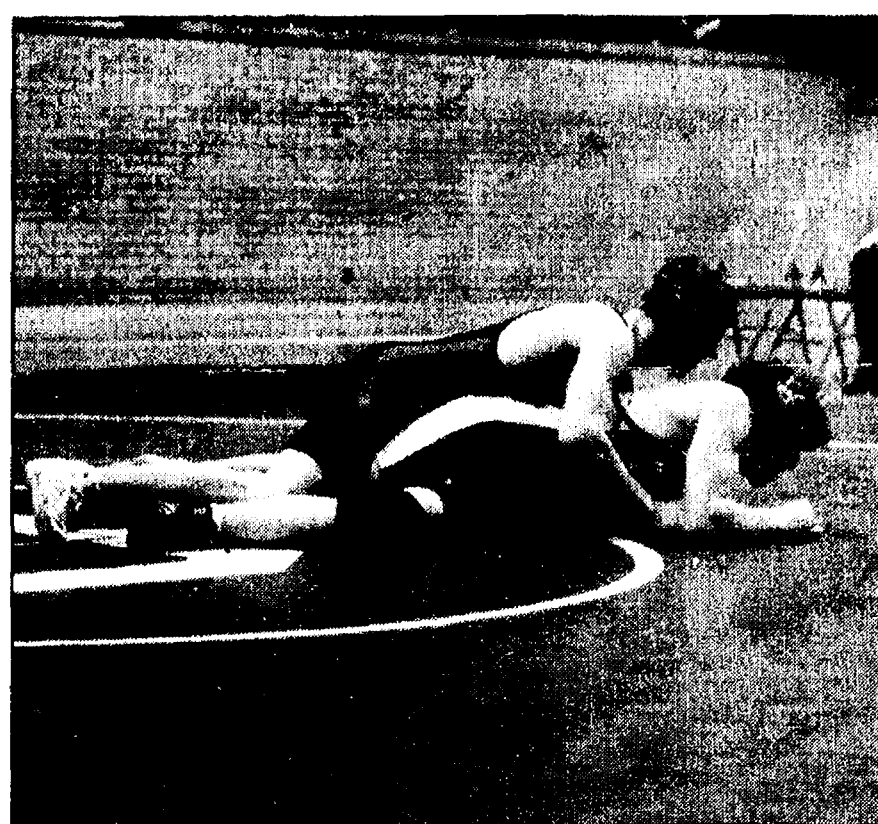
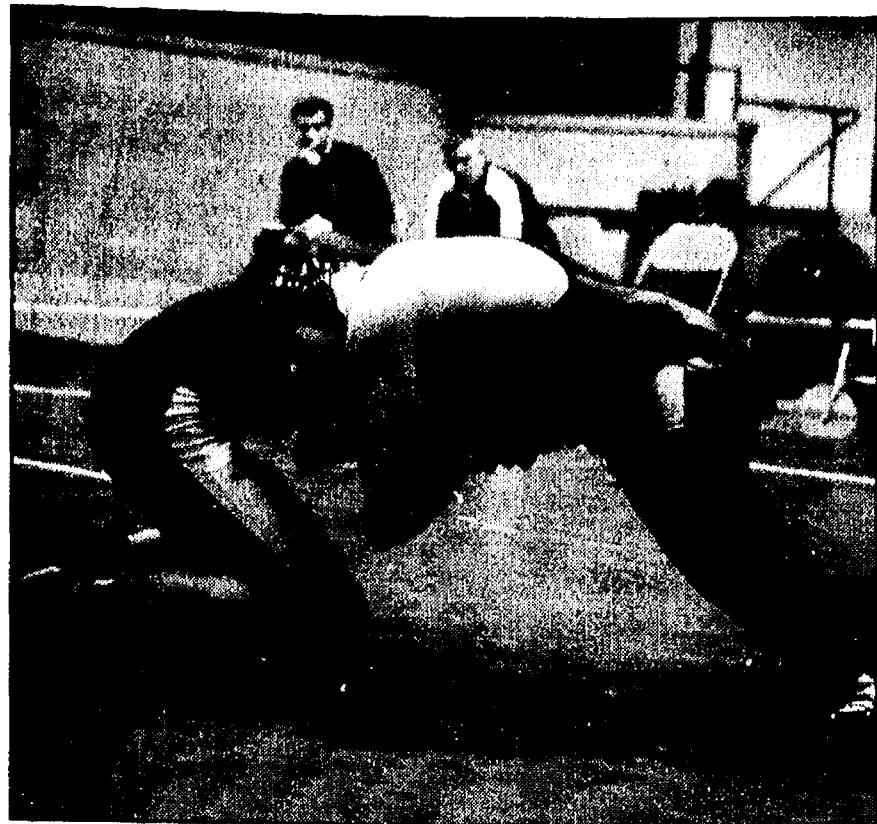
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Jacob Reynolds (171), left, and Jeff Bancroft (152), right, compete against the Gladiators on Thursday.

GHS wrestling squad defeats Traverse City St. Francis, Charlevoix

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Gladiators won the first match (125) with a first round pin. A first round pin by Collen (130) tied the score at 6-6. Both teams forfeited at 135.

Malone (140) pinned his TCSF counterpart in the second round. St. Francis won the 145-pound division with a second round pin. Bancroft (152) won his match vs. Traverse City by decision, 5-3. GHS led 15-12.

At 160, Madill won in overtime. The match was tied at 13-13 at the end of the third period, and Madill scored the first points of overtime to win 15-13. Reynolds (171) won his match by decision, 20-12. Grayling had a 22-12 lead.

James Walker (189) and Ferrigan (215) both won by default. Stewart (heavyweight) pinned his TCSF opponent in the first round, giving Grayling a 40-12 advantage.

Traverse City St. Francis won the 103-pound weight class by pin. Grayling forfeited the 112-pound division. At 119 - in the final match of the night - Gosicki pinned his opponent in the first round.

The Vikings won by a final score of 46-24.

On Saturday, Jan. 21, Grayling competed in 20-team tournament at Ithaca High School. The Vikings finished the day in 8th place overall as a team.

Six GHS wrestlers placed individually: Malone (140), 2nd; Bancroft (152), 3rd; Ferrigan (215), 3rd; Walker (189), 5th; Stewart (heavyweight), 6th; Reynolds (171) 7th.

Other wrestlers winning matches and scoring team points for the Vikings were Collen (130), Shane Grove (135), and Madill (160).

"This tournament is known throughout the state as a very quality tournament with most of the weight classes having four or five state placers in them. Our wrestlers proved that they can compete at that level. They should all be very proud of what they accomplished," Coach Joe Ferrigan said.

Malone (140), sophomore: "Cody was seeded as the seventh best wrestler in his weight class. For him to finish the day in second place was huge. He wrestled great all day long, losing in

the finals to a very tough senior wrestler from Rogers City," Coach Ferrigan said.

Bancroft (152), junior: "(Jeff) lost for only the second time this year against a two-time state champion from Hesperis in the semifinals. (He) came back in the finals match for third and fourth to beat a very tough opponent to finish the day in third," Coach Ferrigan said.

Ferrigan (215), senior: "His division had a division one state placer and one division two state placer and three division four state qualifiers. We - the coaches - have always known that Joe was a very tough kid. We have spent the last three years trying to convince him of that. I think we finally did it. He wrestled very well and finished in third place," Coach Ferrigan said.

Walker (189), senior: "James has had tough opponents all year and Saturday was no different. But once again James proved that he can wrestle with the best in the state and come out on top," Coach Ferrigan said.

Stewart (275-heavyweight), senior: "The top six seeded wrestlers at 275 are ranked indi-

vidually in their respective divisions. Saturday, Bill proved that he is one of the best at 275 in the state," Coach Ferrigan said.

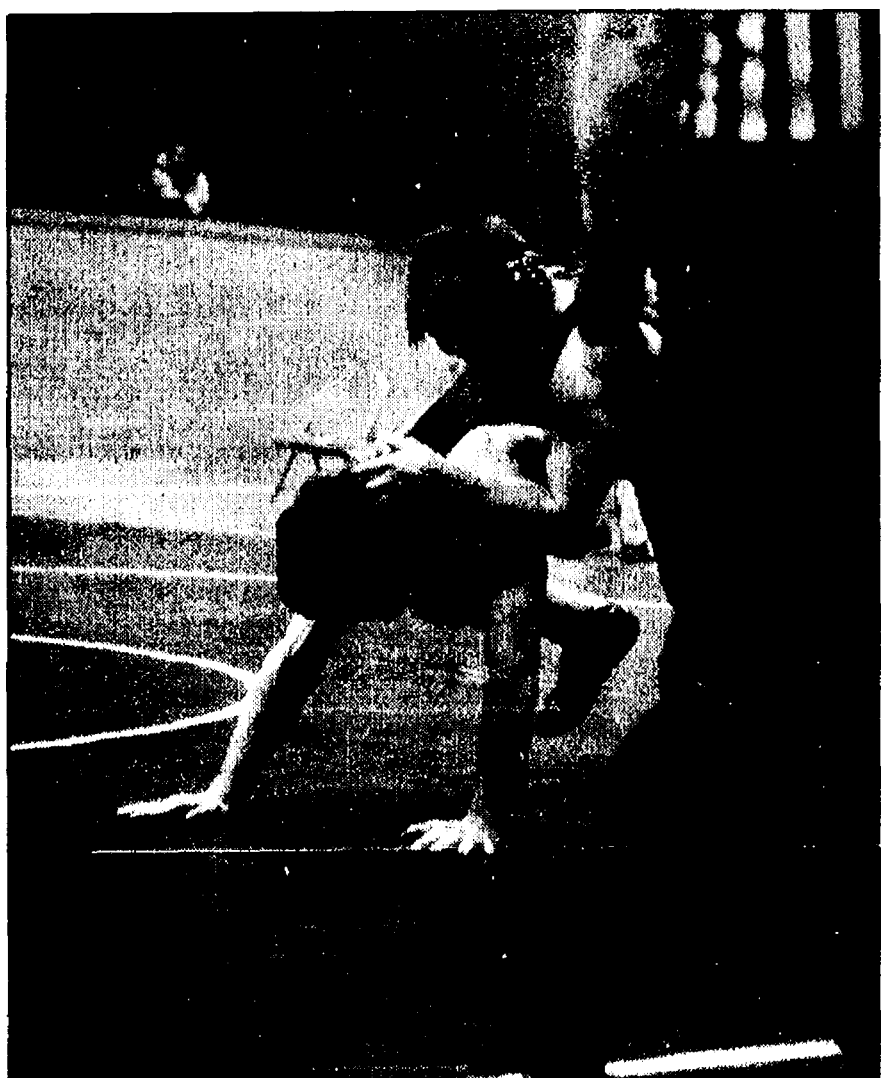
Reynolds (171), sophomore: "Jacob lost in the first round and had to come back through the bracket to finish in the top eight. Jacob is starting to become one of those kids who expects to win every time he goes out on the mat. It is great to see his confidence grow each week," Coach Ferrigan said.

The Vikings have three days of wrestling meet action this week, including a competition at Elk Rapids on Thursday. On Saturday, Jan. 28, part of the team will compete in the Northern Michigan Championships in Gaylord and the rest of the squad will be at Sault St. Marie.

"Not much rest - just a lot of good wrestling. These young men have worked very hard all year long and the results of that hard work are just starting to show. I am very proud of all of them," Coach Ferrigan said.



Six Vikings finished in the top eight of their weight class at Saturday's 20-team Ithaca Invitational tournament: (left to right) Joey Ferrigan (215), 3rd; James Walker (189), 5th; Cody Malone (140), 2nd; Bill Stewart (heavyweight), 6th; Jeff Bancroft (152), 3rd; Jacob Reynolds (171), 7th.



Cody Malone (140) wrestles a Traverse City St. Francis opponent on Thursday.

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High Series: M. Starks, 561; K. Moshier, 501; P. D'Amour, 489.
High Game: M. Starks, 201; L. Dellar, 191; K. Moshier, 188.

Senior Bowling
Flowers By Josie .. 49.5 - 30.5
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Clark, 156; H. Stairs, 155. High Series Men: K. Harris, 550; P. Faustman, 544; G. Wolfe, 533. High Game Men: K. Harris, 213; F. Periard, 201; P. Faustman, 195.

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Tim's Collision. 0 - 8
High Series: K. Moshier, 554; M. Cole and J. Coors, 517. High Game: M. Cole, 201; K. Moshier, 194; J. Cousins, 192.

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Corky's Karaoke 21 - 14
Upper Lakes 20 - 15
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Scott Pittman Bld. 19 - 16
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Sawmill 13 - 22
High Series: P. Benardo Sr., 615; B. St. Clair, 607; D. Lawe, 593. High Game: B. St. Clair, 247; P. Benardo Sr., 237; C. Brill, 236.

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American Men's League
Canfield's 22 - 6

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Fenton's Auto Serv. 14 - 14
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High Series: J. Robideau, 595; Lonnie Davis, 592; Lance Davis, 591. High Game: J. Arwood, 245; T. Kotrash, 227; D. Canfield Jr., 224.

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High Series: C. Moore, 512; P. Benardo, 478; T. Hellebuyck, 468. High Game: M. Jankowski, 190; E. Dent, 179; C. Moore, 179.

5TH GRADE BASKETBALL

Grayling's 5th grade boys basketball team posted a 2-2 record in a tournament at Fairview on Saturday, Jan. 21.

The team played Gaylord first and lost 22-16. Tyler Powers, Alex Stephan, Scott Parkinson, and Mason Krey scored points for Grayling.

The 5th graders defeated Fairview 18-10 in their second game of the day. Parkinson, Krey, Powers, Levi Korneli, Jeff

Enos, and Wesley Dean scored points for the Grayling squad.

"Our team defense is beginning to come together. Jacob Robinson, Alex Bartha, and Jake Cochrane played great defense," coaches said.

The team's third game ended in a 22-20 loss to Roscommon. Powers, Krey, Korneli, and Parkinson scored for Grayling.

"This was a great match-up. We lost to Roscommon last week

by 10 points. Both teams played their hearts out and Roscommon came out on top," coaches said.

In the squad's final contest, Grayling won vs. Fairview 14-8. Scoring for Grayling were Dean, Krey, Powers, Parkinson, and Korneli.

The 5th grade boys basketball team will host a tournament at Grayling Middle School on Saturday, Jan. 28, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

GRAYLING YOUTH WRESTLING CLUB

The Grayling Youth Wrestling Club (grades K-6) competed in a tournament at Pine River on Sunday, Jan. 22.

Several Grayling wrestlers finished in the top three of their respective weight classes: Jonathan Martin (49), 1st; Freddy Fisher (52), 3rd; Erin Messerschmidt (58), 1st; Logan Duvall (61), 3rd; Devin Joseph

(67), 2nd; Taylor Grigsby (72), 2nd; Wyatt Thompson (72), 1st; Zach Cheney (77), 1st; Nick Petrie (82), 3rd; Kyle Schmidt (67), 3rd; Zack Mack (67), 2nd; Devin Stephan (71), 3rd; Jon Petrie (85), 2nd; Ty Jensen (95), 1st; Miquela Bergman (90), 1st; Jeff Enos (heavyweight), 3rd; William Corbin (heavyweight), 1st; Brandon Handrich (85), 3rd;

Daniel Duvall (90), 1st; Ryan Randall (95), 1st; Avery Bergman (95), 3rd; Joey Schwartz (100), 2nd; Derek Babbitt (heavyweight), 1st.

"The kids have made improvements," Coach Larry Duvall said.

The Grayling Youth Wrestling Club will compete in a tournament at Whittemore Prescott on Saturday, Jan. 28.

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MICHIGAN, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 3 OF PLATS, PAGE 22, CRAWFORD COUNTY RECORDS.

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gagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated December 10, 2004, and recorded on December 28, 2004 in Liber 673 on Page 52, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eleven Thousand Six Hundred Two And 94/100 Dollars (\$111,602.94) including interest at 8.25% per annum.

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The Crawford County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing concerning its pending application to the United States Department of Agriculture - Rural Development. The County has applied for a \$330,000 in loan funding and \$20,000 in grant funding for the purposes of constructing and equipping a new animal shelter facility. The facility will be constructed on a 2-acre section of parcel number 20-040-44-031-05-060-00, the property commonly referred to as the County Fairground property.

The public hearing will be held on Wednesday, February 15th, 2006, beginning at 10:15 am, at the Crawford County Building, located at 200 West Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan.

All interested persons are invited to attend this public hearing.

Paul Compo
Crawford County
Administrator/Controller

MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by William Miller and Heather Miller, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., mortgagee, dated June 10, 2005 and recorded July 6, 2005 in Liber 676, Page 158, Crawford County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Sixty Thousand Five Hundred Twenty and 56/100 Dollars (\$60,520.56) including interest at the rate of 7.99% per annum.

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The premises are located in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing concerning its pending application to the United States Department of Agriculture - Rural Development. The County has applied for a \$14,000 grant to be used to help fund a new patrol vehicle that has four-wheel drive capability for the Crawford County Sheriff's Department. The entire cost of the vehicle and necessary emergency equipment is anticipated to be approximately \$40,000.

The public hearing will be held on Wednesday, February 15th, 2006, beginning at 10:00 am, at the Crawford County Building, located at 200 West Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan.

All interested persons are invited to attend this public hearing.

Paul Compo
Crawford County
Administrator/Controller

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MORTGAGE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by DENISE M. ENGLISH, a single woman and DAVID L. DEMARA, a married man, to SOURCE ONE MORTGAGE SERVICES CORPORATION, Mortgagee, dated September 29, 1995, and recorded on October 9, 1995, in Liber 401, on Page 164, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said mortgagee to GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION, as assigned, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-Eight Dollars and Fifty-Seven Cents (\$37,898.57), including interest at 7.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 AM o'clock, on February 22, 2006.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, and described as: THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 25, TOWN 26 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST, EXCEPTING 33 FEET OFF THE WEST SIDE FOR ROAD PURPOSES. TAX ID NO. 040-41-025-04-120-00.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 12, 2006
GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION Mortgagee/Assignee

Peter M. Schneiderman & Associates, P.C.
23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450
Southfield, MI 48075

-12-19-26-9

MORTGAGE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Roger A. Moshier and Kary L. Moshier, his wife, to Home Loan and Investment Bank, F.S.B., mortgagee, dated July 14, 2001 and recorded July 23, 2001 in Liber 543, Page 162, Crawford County Records. Said mortgage is now held by U.S. Bank National Association as Trustee of CSFB ABS Trust Series 2002-HE11 by assignment dated August 14, 2001 and recorded on May 19, 2004 in Liber 668, Page 276, Crawford County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Forty-Seven Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-Six and 30/100 Dollars (\$47,496.30) including interest at the rate of 12.95% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on February 15, 2006.

The premises are located in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The Western one-half of Lots 7 and 8 of Block 3 of O.M. Barnes Addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling, according to the recorded Plat thereof.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing

mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale.

Dated: January 12, 2006
ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for U.S. Bank National Association as Trustee of CSFB ABS Trust Series 2002-HE11, As Assignee
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000
File No. 213.4113

MORTGAGE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Randy Bolden Sr. and Betty Bolden, husband and wife, to Saxon Mortgage, Inc., mortgagee, dated February 20, 2002 and recorded May 17, 2002 in Liber 581, Page 619, Crawford County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas FKA Banker's Trust Company, as Trustee and Custodian by: Saxon Mortgage Services, Inc., FKA Meritech Mortgage Services, Inc., as it's attorney in fact by assignment submitted to and recorded by the Crawford County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Forty-Six Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-Two and 19/100 Dollars (\$46,462.19) including interest at the rate of 7.90% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on February 15, 2006.

The premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 16 of the recorded Plat of Madsen's Pines, Crawford County records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale.

Dated: January 12, 2006
ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas FKA Banker's Trust Company, as Trustee and Custodian by: Saxon Mortgage Services, Inc., FKA Meritech Mortgage Services, Inc., as it's attorney in fact, As Assignee
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000
File No. 244.1827

-12-19-26-2

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dean Worden, a single man, as his sole and separate property, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated January 5,

2005, and recorded on January 6, 2005 in Liber 673 on Page 224, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Seven And 25/100 Dollars (\$58,967.25), including interest at 8.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on March 1, 2006.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: BEING PARTS OF LOTS 17, 18 AND 19, OF BLOCK 8 OF THE FIFTH ADDITION TO PORTAGE LAKE PARK, LYING SOUTHWEST-ERLY OF HIGHWAY M-72 AND ALSO A PART OF BLOCK 9 OF THE FIFTH ADDITION TO PORTAGE LAKE PARK DESCRIBED AS: BEING ALL THAT PART OF EVERGREEN STREET LYING BETWEEN BLOCKS 8 AND 9 AND WEST OF THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY BOUNDARY OF M-7 TO THE WESTERLY LINE OF ADJOINING LOT 17 IN BLOCK 8, IF EXTENDED SOUTH ACROSS EVERGREEN STREET TO THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF BLOCK 9, ALSO LOTS 30 THROUGH 34 INCLUSIVE OF BLOCK 9, FIFTH ADDITION TO PORTAGE LAKE PARK, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN LIBER 1 OF PLATS, PAGE 24, CRAWFORD COUNTY RECORDS. ALL IN SECTION 9, TOWN 25 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 26, 2006
For more information, please call:
FC X 248.593.1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #066825F02

-26-2-9-16

MORTGAGE SALE

PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT, ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248)539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by GREGORY A. MILLER and SHELLY A. MILLER, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated May 7, 2002, and recorded on May 15, 2002, in Liber 581, on Page 452, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said mortgagee to GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION, as assigned, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand Twenty-Seven Dollars and Seventy-Three Cents (\$124,027.73), including interest at 6.750% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 AM o'clock, on March 1, 2006

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan and described as: LOT(S) 15 AND 16, BLOCK 1, FIRST ADDITION TO PORTAGE LAKE PARK, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 1 OF PLATS, PAGE 19, CRAWFORD COUNTY RECORDS. TAX ID NO. 040-45-762-01-015-00

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 19, 2006
GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION
Mortgagee/Assignee

Peter M. Schneiderman & Associates, P.C.
23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450
Southfield, MI 48075

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Robert M. Dent, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated December 5, 2001, and recorded on December 21, 2001 in Liber 564 on Page 309, and rerecorded on May 12, 2003 in Liber 633 on Page 210, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-One Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-Eight And 29/100 Dollars (\$71,598.29), including interest at 7.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on March 1, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 26, Grayling Manor, According to the Recorded Plat Thereof, as Recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 10, Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 26, 2006
For more information, please call:
FC X 248.593.1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #080629F01

-26-2-9-16

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James W. Harwood, unmarried, original mortgagor(s), to Fifth Third Bank - Northern Michigan, Mortgagee, dated

April 15, 2002, and recorded on April 23, 2002 in Liber 578 on Page 565, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by mesne assignments to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the registered holders of ABFS Mortgage Loan Trust 2002-2, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2002-2 as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seventeen Thousand Fifty And 80/100 Dollars (\$117,050.80), including interest at 9.35% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on February 22, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: PART OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 14, TOWN 26 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST, GRAYLING TOWNSHIP, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN; COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER THEREOF; THENCE SOUTH 1 DEGREE 14 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST 1316.35 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREE 37 MINUTES WEST 66 FEET; THENCE NORTH 1 DEGREE 14 MINUTES 40 SECONDS EAST 656.36 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREE 37 MINUTES WEST 32.65 FEET; THENCE NORTH 1 DEGREE 14 MINUTES 33 SECONDS EAST 660.0 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREE 37 MINUTES EAST 98.67 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. BE THE SAME MORE OR LESS, BUT SUBJECT TO ALL LEGAL HIGHWAYS.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 19, 2006
For more information, please call:
FC J 248.593.1311
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #077352F01

-19-26-2-9

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by George D. McCarver, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated May 24, 2004, and recorded on June 7, 2004 in Liber 668 on Page 859, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-One Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Three And 96/100 Dollars (\$61,623.96), including interest at 8.499% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the

Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on February 22, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The East Half (E 1/2) of the East Half (E 1/2) of the West Half (W 1/2) of the North Half (N 1/2) of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4), Section 14, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, and Commencing at the North 1/4 Corner of Section 14, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, MI, Thence North 89 Degrees 37 Minutes East Along Section Line 658.6 Feet; Thence South 1 Degree 14 Minutes West Along the East Line of the East Half (E 1/2) of the East Half (E 1/2) of the West Half (W 1/2) of the North (N 1/2) of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of said Section 14, 124.2 Feet to the Point of Beginning; Thence North 89 Degrees 37 Minutes West 5.0 Feet; Thence North 1 Degree 14 Minutes East 50.0 Feet to the Point of Beginning

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 19, 2006
For more information, please call:
FC S 248.593.1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #079245F01

-19-26-2-9

SYNOPSIS BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP January 9, 2006 MEETING

The regular meeting of the Township Board was called to order at 7:00 PM. Board members present: Riley, Summers, Balmes, Little and Hartman. There were 4 visitors present.

Motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Seconded and carried.

Reports given by the Treasurer, Supervisor and Fire Chief.

There were 5 pieces of correspondence.

Old Business:

1. Discussion regarding general insurance policy. Motion by Balmes and seconded to raise our liability from 2 mil to 3 million. Motion carried.
2. Motion by Balmes to have Supervisor negotiate the summer tax agreements with the schools. Seconded and carried.
3. Motion by Balmes and seconded to have cemetery lots transferred to Gerald Hoesli that were originally purchased by Amos Hoesli. Motion carried.

New Business:

1. Motion by Hartman to allow our maintenance person to work one day per month, for 3 months, at the Grayling Township recycling center. Seconded and motion carried.
2. Motion by Hartman and seconded to adopt the list of holidays as presented showing when we will be closed next calendar year. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Little seconded by Balmes to pay the AP bills. Motion carried.
4. Motion by Hartman to appoint Doug Keipert to the Board of Review. Seconded and carried.
5. Motion by Balmes to make four changes to the Fire Department budget, as presented. Seconded and carried.
6. Motion by Hartman and seconded to raise the asset level in the Poverty Guidelines Resolution to \$70,000 and adopt the Poverty Guidelines Resolution as presented. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM

Sharon K. Hartman, Clerk

Grayling Twp. seeks road maintenance bids

The Grayling Township Board of Trustees is seeking bids from qualified applicants for snowplowing and general road maintenance, including necessary grading, sanding and graveling, for that portion of South Horseshoe Trail south of M-72.

Bidders will submit an annual price for each of the next five years, to begin after the April 1, 2006 winter plowing season. Grayling Township will pay the annual amount once per year in the spring. The bid will expire after March 31, 2011.

The bidder will be expected to provide proof of liability insurance to protect both the property owners along South Horseshoe Trail and Grayling Township.

Sealed and signed bids must be submitted by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 8, 2006. Send bids to: Terry Wright, Supervisor; Grayling Township; P.O. Box 521; 2090 Viking Way; Grayling, MI 49738.

Terry Wright
Supervisor

NOTICE LANDOWNERS USING CAMERON BRIDGE ROAD FOR PROPERTY ACCESS

The Frederic Township Board will conduct a public hearing beginning at 7:00 PM on February 13, 2006 at the Township Hall, 7564 County Road 612, Frederic, MI to consider the paving of segments of Cameron Bridge Road from its intersection with Kolka Creek Road to its intersection with Dickinson Road.

The purpose of this hearing will be to gather support or objections concerning the creation of a Special Assessment District necessary to cover the cost of improvements. Written comments received prior to the hearing will also be considered and may be sent to:

Frederic Township
ATTN: Supervisor
P.O. Box 78
Frederic, MI 49733

Preliminary plans, district maps, and cost estimates are on file at the Township Hall.

Jeff Kea
Supervisor

The Crawford County Road Commission 500 Huron Street P.O. Box 648 Grayling, MI 49738

2006 Board Meeting Schedule Held at the Road Commission Office 10:00 A.M.

January 12, 2006
January 26, 2006
February 9, 2006
February 23, 2006
March 9, 2006
March 23, 2006
April 6, 2006
May 4, 2006
May 18, 2006
June 1, 2006
June 15, 2006
June 29, 2006

July 13, 2006
July 27, 2006
August 10, 2006
August 24, 2006
September 7, 2006
September 21, 2006
October 5, 2006
October 19, 2006
November 2, 2006
November 16, 2006
November 30, 2006
December 14, 2006
December 28, 2006

Ken Riehle, Chairman
John Hartman, Vice-Chairman
Jim Burch, Commissioner

FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago
January 27, 1983

The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors has announced the appointment of Don Geiss as Public Relations Director.

Weyerhaeuser has announced plans to add a fourth shift to their new Strukturwood mill in Grayling. This planned second phase of employment will add approximately 25 new people in the production and maintenance areas of the mill.

Approximately twenty-two percent of all Crawford county residents received some type of public assistance during December, 1982. Out of 562 households, 272 were also receiving either ADC or general assistance.

Now showing at the Rialto Theatre, First Blood starring Sylvester Stallone, rated R.

In high school basketball, Mike Hickey scored 20 points for the Vikings but the last two, a pair of free throws in the last minute, were the most important as Grayling topped Benzie Central 70-69.

Grayling's matmen took a 2nd place finish at the Ithaca Invitational last Saturday.

Residents in South Branch Township and the western portion of Beaver Creek Township will not switch over to summer

school taxes in 1983 like the rest of Crawford County. All of South Branch Township and part of Beaver Creek is included in the Gerrish - Higgins School District which has decided not to ask for summer tax collection this year.

After weeks of uncertain conditions, skiing is underway in full swing at Hanson Hills and Skyline.

The second Annual Cross-Country Ski Poker Run will be held at Hanson Hills this weekend.

The girls high school volleyball team took two matches from Boyne City to stay tied for the lead at 4 - 0 in the Michigan Huron Shores Conference.

46 Years Ago
January 28, 1960

Mothers of Crawford County are joining two million women across the nation in a march for facts and funds for the New March of Dimes.

Fred Bear, of Bear Archery Company, was a guest on the Mort Neff "Michigan Outdoors" TV show last Thursday. He gave a most interesting demonstration of archery shooting as opposed to rifle shooting.

The Grayling ski team traveled to Caberfae, near Cadillac, for their second meet of the year. Russell Gust was first among the Grayling boys and 7th in the entire meet and Julie Buron had

the best time for the girls, she took 7th in the meet.

The Underground All-Stars, Frederic's independent basketball team, got back to their winning ways as they topped the Mancelona Independents 75-60.

The Kiwanis Club of Grayling enjoyed their basketball score with the Grayling Fire Department. Kiwanis, after losing the inaugural game last year to the smoke eaters, came up with a 20-14 victory this year.

Plans for the 35th annual Grayling Winter Sports Carnival which will take place on February 13 and 14 are advancing slowly. The dance band which will play for the Queen's Ball will be the Echos from Onaway and the parade will start from the intersection of US-27 and M-72 south of Grayling at 1 p.m., and will move through Grayling and out to the Winter Sports Park.

Davis Jewelry will be closed during the month of February and re-open March 1.

Coach Bruce Smith was in Lansing over the weekend, assisting in choosing basketball tournament officials.

It's the annual clearance sale at Berringer's Men's Shop, men's top coats are one-third off, winter jackets are \$10.00, and all ski sweaters are twenty-five percent off.

The Black and White Market advertised sugar, powdered or brown, 3 for 39 cents, a 40 oz. box of bisquick is 39 cents and celery is 19 cents.

69 Years Ago
January 28, 1937

A delayed winter sport season opened in real earnest Sunday when two snow trains from Detroit came rolling in, pouring out their long rows of colorfully clad passengers. As usual there was a crowd of happy people, all ready to let loose in winter frolic.

The South Side Women's Recreation club met Tuesday at the South Side School.

Andrew J. Keller of Frankenmuth, has leased the building next to Shoppenagons Annex, originally occupied by Schweitzer and Wilson, for the manufacturing of meat products.

Arthur J. Wakeley is away from the gas station for a few days and is busy putting up ice at his home down river.

92 Years Ago
January 29, 1914

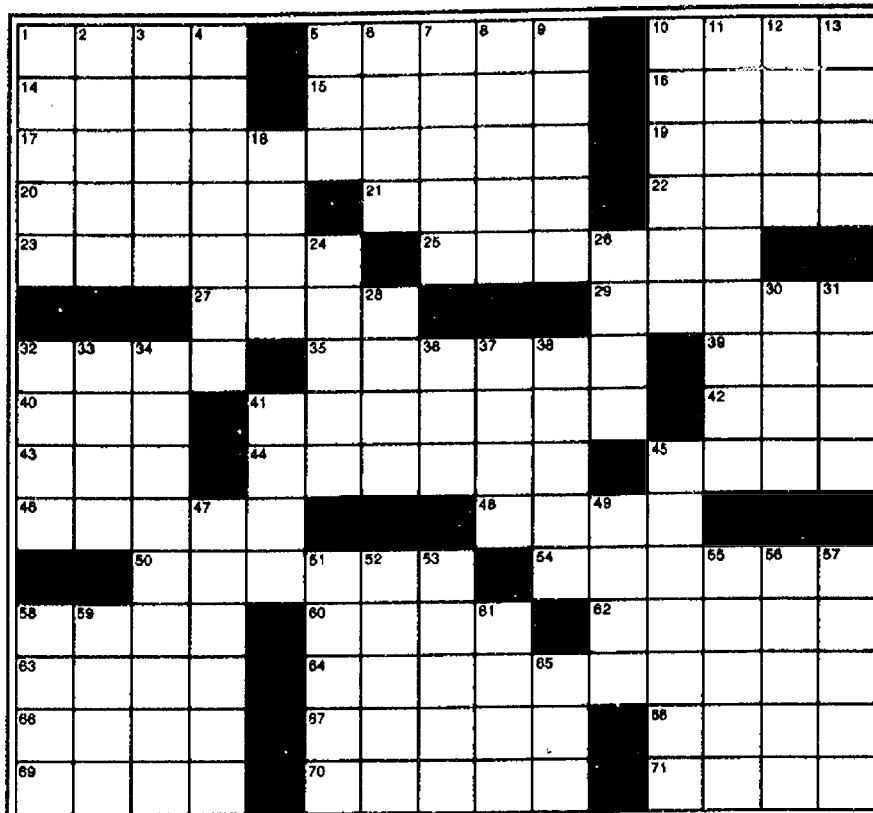
It has been decided that dancing the tango will be prohibited at the Junior Hop.

The Scandinavian Sisterhood and Brotherhood gave their annual ball and banquet Saturday at the Opera House.

Nicholas Shellenbarger had his hand badly bruised when he caught it in a saw while working at the big mill.

The Grayling Machinery Repair Company has secured the agency in Northern Michigan for the sale of the Grant Motor car. Mrs. Esbern Hanson secured this agency while in attendance at the Detroit Auto Show last week.

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| <p>Across</p> <p>1. Lord of Upper Egypt. 5. Cradle of Texas liberty. 10. Lightest of the meson family of elementary particles. 14. Melodic subject of a musical composition. 15. Certainly not. 16. Grossnickle Hines, children's author and illustrator. 17. Having the form of the tongue. 19. Eldest son of Noah. 20. Greek physician. 21. Hollow building unit made of fired clay, shale or gypsum. 22. Problem requiring investigation. 23. Take one long step. 25. Of or pertaining to the skin. 27. Roof in the shape of a hemisphere. 29. Fill with high spirits. 32. Capital of Maldives in the center of the islands. 35. Member of the Ojibwan people of southern Ontario. 39. Light brown. 40. Unit of metric land measure. 41. Have endured pain and hardship without showing one's feelings. 42. Not young. 43. Ocean. 44. Slender, painted piece of a substance used for marking. 45. Son of Zeus and Hera. 46. Ascetic holy man. 48. People who have severe hearing impairments. 50. Anthropoid limb. 54. Devices that make a loud warning noise. 58. Polynesian dance with rhythmic hip movements. 60. One of the Channel Islands in the English Channel. 62. Paul Adrien Maurice, Noble Prize winner in physics. 63. Growth regulating chemical-sprayed fruit trees, so the entire crop can be harvested at one time. 64. Being more than fifty. 66. Small hotels, usually in the countryside. 67. Silly. 68. City in Yemen. 69. Toward the end of a period. 70. Suggestive of the supernatural. 71. Furniture pieces made to fit close together.</p> | <p>Down</p> <p>1. Early Christian prophet and missionary. 2. Formal proclamation. 3. Exact copy of a document. 4. Afflict with worry. 5. Tropical American bird. 6. On or toward the side of the body that is to the west when facing north. 7. Keep from happening. 8. Johnson, Jr., aka Troy Donahue. 9. Abalone found chiefly in the Channel Islands. 10. High-level computer programming language. 11. Breathing device for administering long-term artificial respiration. 12. Single entities. 13. Word used to designate a unique entity. 18. Cause to become loose. 24. Express emotion. 26. Coarsely ground grain. 28. Urban district of southeast-central England. 30. Unbelievable story. 31. Farthest part of something. 32. Property of something great in magnitude. 33. Subject of study. 34. Shrub of sandy woodlands and stream banks in the western U.S. 36. Persistent behavioral trait. 37. Sharp or biting to the taste. 38. Ridges on the outside of a horse collar. 41. Short pipe, as for connecting a water pipe with a meter. 45. Plate, major tectonic division of the Earth's crust. 47. Harsh, low sound. 49. Payments made by feudal vassals to their lord on special occasions. 51. Fiber from any of several tropical American plants used in making carpets or bagging. 52. Lake in the Sierra Nevada Mountains. 53. Mistaken opinion. 55. Destroy by slow consumption. 56. Nasal passages. 57. Small piece of paper dropped by the hares in the game of Hare and Hound. 58. Call out in order to greet. 59. Bone of the forearm on the side opposite the thumb. 61. Hat worn by members of the French Foreign Legion. 65. Look at carefully.</p> |
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ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



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| 1 | cup chopped yellow onion |
| 1 | teaspoon vegetable oil |
| 2 | cloves garlic (crushed) |
| 1/3 | cup chili powder |
| 1 | tablespoon ground cumin |
| 1/2 | teaspoon ground black pepper |
| 1 1/2 | teaspoons salt |
| 1 | (15 oz) can tomato sauce |

In chili pot, cook onions in oil over medium heat until translucent. Add garlic and cook 1 more minute. Add chili powder, cumin, black pepper, salt, tomato sauce, beer, chicken broth, Worcestershire sauce, and green chilies. (Set aside.) In large skillet, brown ground beef, drain and add to chili pot. Cover pot and bring to boil. Turn heat to low. Simmer 30 to 45 minutes. Add drained pinto beans and simmer 15 minutes. Add additional salt and hot pepper sauce to taste.

Beer Chili

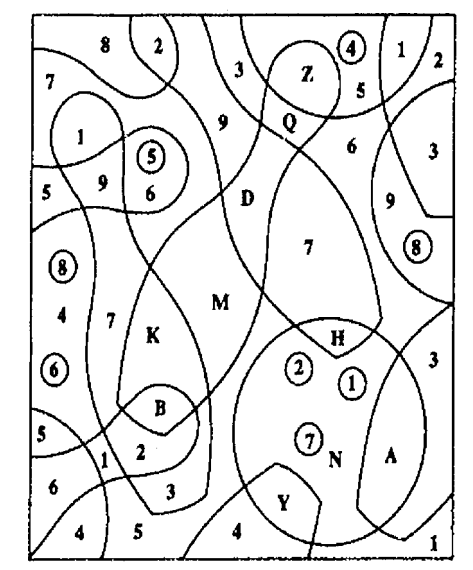
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| 1 | cup beer |
| 1/2 | cup chicken broth (or water) |
| 2 | teaspoons Worcestershire sauce |
| 1 | (4 oz) can diced green chilies |
| 2 | lbs. extra lean ground beef |
| 1 to 2 | (15 oz) cans pinto beans, drained |
| | Salt and hot sauce to preferred taste |

Find the Twins
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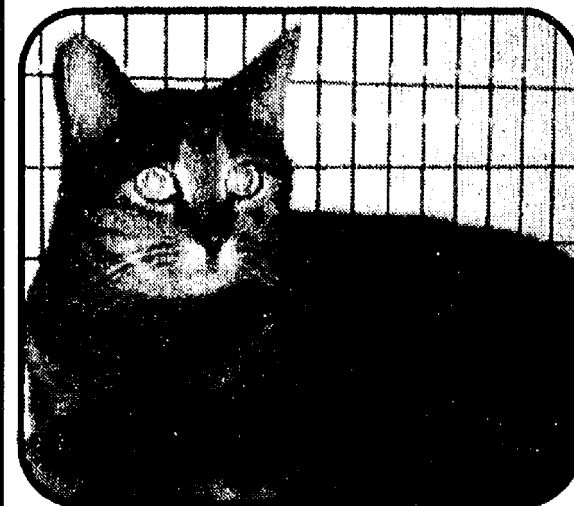
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ADOPT A PET



Fiona

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HOROSCOPES

For the Week of January 26, 2006

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| <p>Capricorn December 22-January 19</p> <p>An argument erupts at home. Back away, Capricorn, and let everyone cool off. Then try to find a compromise. Good fortune smiles on you again and again.</p> | <p>Aries March 21-April 19</p> <p>Moments to yourself seem nonexistent these days. Steal them where you can. A relative's health improves. Give them a call and arrange to take them out to celebrate.</p> | <p>Cancer June 22-July 22</p> <p>Love moves front and center. Plan something special for your significant other. A film inspires you to make some changes. Start with something small.</p> | <p>Libra September 23-October 22</p> <p>A friend is being evasive. Give them some space, Libra. They need to work something out on their own. A project at work spins out of control--rein it in before it's too late.</p> |
| <p>Aquarius January 20-February 18</p> <p>Time to let bygones be bygones, Aquarius. Reliving events from the past will get you nowhere. An interesting article puts life in perspective.</p> | <p>Taurus April 20-May 20</p> <p>Your compassion for others is outstanding. Be careful, Taurus. Someone close to you may not be as needy as they seem and could be taking advantage of you.</p> | <p>Leo July 23-August 22</p> <p>Your wishes are granted and life is sweeter than it has been in some time. Enjoy it, Leo. Dark shadows are lurking and a crisis is brewing at home.</p> | <p>Scorpio October 23-November 21</p> <p>Time to move on, Scorpio. You have done what you can to help and other issues are meriting your attention. A dive into the past brings up something fishy.</p> |
| <p>Pisces February 19-March 20</p> <p>A relative is becoming jaded. Don't confront them, Pisces. You will only make things worse. Try to get them involved in a positive activity instead.</p> | <p>Gemini May 21-June 21</p> <p>Health takes priority. Make those doctor's appointments that you've been putting off. A casual conversation at work turns serious and neutrality isn't the answer.</p> | <p>Virgo August 23-September 22</p> <p>Plans to travel start to fall apart. Hurry and correct the situation or you could wind up sitting at home. A chance meeting paves the way for a new relationship.</p> | <p>Sagittarius November 22-December 21</p> <p>A test is coming. Don't worry, Sagittarius. You'll do well. A special occasion deserves careful thought and creative measures. Invite some pals over and put your heads together.</p> |

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

| Last Week | | | | Extended Forecast (Courtesy of the Weather.com) | | | | | |
|-----------|----|----|------|--|---------|----------|---------|---------|---------|
| Date | H | L | Snow | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday |
| 1/18 | 31 | 26 | 3 | High 32 | High 36 | High 36 | High 38 | High 32 | High 31 |
| 1/19 | 28 | 7 | 2 | Low 24 | Low 27 | Low 26 | Low 24 | Low 21 | Low 19 |
| 1/20 | 32 | 7 | 0 | | | | | | |
| 1/21 | 32 | 25 | 8 | | | | | | |
| 1/22 | 32 | 8 | 0 | | | | | | |
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Partly Cloudy Rain/Snow Showers Rain/Snow Showers Snow Shower Few Snow Showers AM Clouds PM Sun

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Wednesday February 1, 2006

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2 LOTS FOR SALE ON MANISTEE RIVER ROAD. (Newly Blacktopped Road) Mixture of Pines and Oak; cleared building site. CS-2246 and CS-2247 \$9,000 each.

CAPE COD ON BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY SETTING. Newer 3 BR Cape Cod with secluded country setting. 1,512 sq. ft., full basement, new appliances, sliding glass door off dining room onto wrap-around decking. 32x36 heated garage with 11 ft. side walls and 220 electrical. Landscaped yard, paved drive, frost free water hydrant and fenced back yard CH-2188 \$113,000

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Enjoy this 3 bedroom, 1 bath home/cottage on large lot. Home features knotty pine interior, huge living room, wood burner and attached garage plus a 32 x 56 pole building with heated workshop for all the toys. Property is just steps from Crooked Lake. Perfect for primary residence or weekend get-a-way #5620 \$102,000

NEW LISTING

Very nice 880 square foot newly remodeled cottage. All knotty pine interior, den with gas log fireplace, 1 bath, 2 bedroom, 24 x 30 garage, 12 x 20 drive through outbuilding for your sleds. Snowmobilers Dream Getaway! #5621 \$69,900

REDUCED

Outdoor Enthusiasts will enjoy this 5 bedroom get-a-way! Great set up for a snowmobile club, or any group that enjoys outdoor activities in Northern Michigan. Located close to snowmobile trails, state land & the Manistee River. Built in 1995, furnished \$135,000 #5555

REDUCED

Neat and clean 3 bedroom, 1 bath home located in a nice subdivision close to town, bike trails, Hasen Hills, and Lake Margrethe. Features natural gas heat, nice oak cabinets and a garage. \$78,500 #5597

REDUCED

10 wooded acres and a very nice, clean 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom cottage or year round home. Within a few miles of Wakeley Lake, Kneff Lake and the Ausable River. Enjoy the seclusion, the campfires and this well maintained property! #63,000 #5594

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Located in Maple Forest township is 40 acres which would be excellent for hunting, snowmobiling and cross country skiing. State land adjoins this property on three sides. An additional 120 acres is also available. #5622 \$128,000

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Crawford County Avalanche (9) 348

Violet,

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Bob & Mae

Ginny,

Thanks so much for believing in me!

Love ya, Sis

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Dear Dan,

Roses are red, Violets are blue,

Your feet smell, But I still love you!



1cx2" ~ \$6

Dear Christine,

Life with you couldn't be any sweeter.

With all my love, Drake

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5. For Sale

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8. Announcements

6. Wanted

WANTED-SCRAP VEHICLES top dollar paid. Pick up available. 888-471-3818. (3/3/05tf/6)

7. Miscellaneous

REWARD White cat with orange markings, lost Jan. 9, in woods behind vets office. Please call 344-0592. (-19-26-2/7)

8. Announcements

ANIMAL SHELTER BOARD to meet. The Animal Shelter of Crawford County's Board of Directors will meet Wednesday, February 1 at 5:30 p.m. in the meeting room of the Deveraux Memorial Crawford County Library, 201 Plum Street in Grayling. All members are highly encouraged to attend. Public is welcome. (-26/8)

PUBLIC INVITED to a luncheon Thursday, February 2 from 11 to 1 pm, at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church. Take-outs available. Cost is \$5 per person. (-26/8)

11. Automotive

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Northeast Michigan Consortium is soliciting a provider for intensive workforce development services for state parolees in Crawford and Otsego counties' Michigan Works offices, under the Michigan Prisoner Reentry Initiative. Services for approximately 24 parolees will include vocational assessment, employability planning, job search assistance, case management and job development and placement.

A total of \$9,975 is available for services for one year. In recognizing that this sum is minimal in terms of the required services, a potential provider must offer its own resources to supplement this effort through securing space and logistical support within each county's Michigan Works office; active counseling for the removal of barriers to employment; advocacy for services that can't be provided through Michigan Works system resources; evaluation of skills, abilities and interest which are transportable to employment; labor market information; community networking in the job search effort; and immediate access to funds outside of this grant for testing, supportive services, vocational training and on-job training.

Interested provider(s) should send a letter of interest, not to exceed two pages, describing qualifications, related experience and the ability to deliver the supplementary resources noted above, by January 31, 2006, to Terry L. Basel, Program Coordinator, Northeast Michigan Consortium, P.O. Box 711 Onaway, Michigan 49765, (989) 733-8548.

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